



112th Congress convenes Boehner elected speaker

House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio holds up the gavel after receiving it from outgoing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif. during the first session of the 112th Congress, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011.

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Obama spokesman Gibbs to step down



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WASHINGTON — Robert Gibbs, the feisty press secretary whose job as President Barack Obama's chief spokesman and confidant has given him an outsized presence at the White House, announced Wednesday he was quitting for the less demanding, more lucrative role of giving paid speeches and advising the president from the outside world.

In a rapidly unfolding makeover, Obama was also closing in on a decision whether to tap William Daley, a former commerce secretary, for the vital gatekeeping job of White House chief of staff. Obama and Daley met at the White House on Wednesday, and a presidential decision on that position was expected within days.

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Bidders look at a giant bluefin tuna on a cart after it was sold at auction at Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011. The tuna fetched a record 32.49 million yen, or nearly \$396,000, in the first auction of the year at the world's largest wholesale fish market in Japan.

*Associated Press
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N. Korea calls for unconditional talks with South

HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea called Wednesday for “unconditional and early” talks with rival South Korea to put an end to months of tensions. Seoul quickly dismissed the offer as insincere and said it's waiting for an apology for two deadly attacks blamed on Pyongyang. It's rare for North

Korea to issue such a statement addressed to South Korea and it came as the U.S. envoy on the North was in the region to discuss the standoff. Earlier in the day, Stephen Bosworth sought to calm fears of conflict on the peninsula. Tensions between the two Koreas have been at their highest level in years since North Korea showered artillery on a South Korean-held island near their disputed

maritime border in November, killing four South Koreans. The attack was the first on a civilian area since the 1950-53 Korean War, and occurred in waters not far from the spot where a torpedo sank a South Korean warship eight months early, killing 46 sailors. That attack was also blamed on the North — and allegation the country vehemently denies.

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Federal investigation underway on NY snow cleanup



NEW YORK – A federal investigation is underway to determine if sanitation workers were deliberately slow in removing snow from last week’s massive blizzard, officials said on Wednesday. Sources in the office of the U.S. Attorney for New York and a city councilman who has been pressing the issue confirmed an investigation has begun. The city faces mounting complaints about its response to the December 26

blizzard that pummeled New York and nearby regions. City Councilman Dan Halloran says a group of sanitation workers confessed to him they were told by supervisors to purposely slack off in cleaning up the snow. Halloran told Reuters on Wednesday he is pleased federal investigators are handling the matter. “We’re not sure if this was widespread or simply a few individuals that were involved,” he said.

“Either way, we know some of the work was not done and there’s plenty of video and photographic evidence out there showing things not getting done.” The city’s sanitation supervisors union said they welcomed the federal investigation. Union secretary treasurer Glenn Ferber said sanitation workers have been unfairly scrutinized for how they handled the cleanup. “I’m certain the investigation is going to prove that this snowstorm turned out to be a comedy of errors that had nothing to do with the department,” Ferber said. Halloran told Reuters last week he was informed sanitation supervisors gave the slowdown orders to protest the city’s plans to demote 100 of them and other budget cuts. Ferber said he is not aware of any deliberate acts of sanitation slowdown in the storm. But many of these allegations have been taken out of context, he said. “I don’t know this for a fact, but if I was a supervisor out in the street and I see a big snowstorm coming down, I’m telling my sanitation workers to do the best they can. If they skip a block, don’t worry about it and keep the truck

rolling. I could even see myself saying that.” Halloran emphasized no acts of criminal wrongdoing have been confirmed but he can understand why these slowdown allegations merit a federal investigation. “The U.S. Attorney’s office is probably looking at payroll and labor records. If you’re an employee of a municipality, you accept a paycheck and you’re not performing the work you’re supposed to do, that can be considered theft and a labor violation.” Both Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty have publicly called for investigations into the alleged slowdown. Prosecutors in Brooklyn and Queens have launched investigations of their own. The Brooklyn prosecutor’s office said Wednesday their investigation was prompted by a YouTube video that showed sanitation workers hanging out for hours at a doughnut shop when they should have been cleaning up snow. Another piece of footage being criticized shows a sanitation worker sleeping inside of a truck while on the job. □

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TWO winners for \$380M lottery

By Associated Press
EPHRATA, Wash. — After a nationwide frenzy for a life-changing chance to win a \$380 million Mega Millions jackpot, the two winning tickets were sold in small Pacific Northwest towns just 125 miles apart.

Shoppers at a Safeway supermarket in Ephrata spent Wednesday wondering who bought one of the winners at the store 130 miles east of Seattle, in the middle of Washington's potato country. A stream of people were checking their tickets at the video department where lottery tickets are sold, then turning away disappointed.

"We know as much as anyone else does," said Nathan Arlantico, 21, the video department manager. He said the store was busy with lines of potential millionaires all day Tuesday.

"It's possible I sold the

winning lottery ticket," Arlantico said.

Idaho officials said someone bought the other winning ticket in the town of Post Falls, across the state line from Spokane, Wash.

"The Pacific Northwest is green today, more so than usual," said Jeff Anderson, executive director of the Idaho Lottery.

The winners have not yet stepped forward, and officials declined to identify the store where Idaho's winning ticket was sold, citing that state's security procedures.

Because of feverish sales right up to Tuesday night's drawing, the winners will share a \$380 million jackpot, an increase over the previous \$355 million estimate, said Scott Kinney, Washington's Lottery spokesman.

It's the second largest lottery jackpot in U.S. history. Two winners, in Georgia and New

Jersey, shared a \$390 million Mega Millions jackpot in March 2007 that remains the nation's richest on record.

Tuesday's winning tickets are each worth \$190 million paid in 26 annual installments. Each lucky winner also has the option of taking an \$81 million lump sum payment, Idaho Lottery spokesman David Workman said.

The jackpot winners had to match five regular numbers plus the "Mega ball." The winning numbers were 4, 8, 15, 25 and 47, with the Mega ball number of 42.

Kevin Anderson, of Melba, Idaho, said he was among another 67 people nationwide who each won \$250,000 by matching five numbers without the Mega ball. More than 5.5 million others won prizes ranging from \$10,000 to \$2.

"It made going to work so much easier today," Anderson



told the Spokesman-Review newspaper. "I told my boss, if it'd been one more number, you would've gotten my resignation."

The large jackpot fascinated people across the country, and thousands lined up to buy tickets in the 41 states and Washington, D.C., where Mega Millions is available. Fans of the ABC television show "Lost" are having some fun with the results.

Four of the six winning

numbers matched those that character Hugo "Hurley" Reyes used to win a lottery on the show, only to suffer a series of spectacular misfortunes. Hurley's numbers — 4, 8, 15, 16, 23 and 42 — popped up throughout the show.

Mega Millions said 25,587 tickets matched three of the winning numbers, plus the bonus number — so anyone who played the "Lost" numbers won \$150 per ticket. □

"Dangerous" beetle found at Los Angeles airport

LOS ANGELES — U.S. customs officials said on Wednesday they had found a beetle considered one of the world's most dangerous agricultural pests in a shipment of rice arriving at Los Angeles International Airport.

Agricultural specialists with U.S. Customs and Border Protection found an adult khapra beetle, eight larvae and a shed skin in a shipment of Indian rice from Saudi Arabia last week, spokesman Jaime Ruiz said.

The khapra beetle, which is native to India and not currently established in the United States, is considered one of the most destructive

pests of grain products and seeds.

"It is endemic to several countries and the reason it is very dangerous is that its life cycle is very long and it goes into all kinds of food grains," Naveeda Mirza, agriculture program manager for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, told Reuters.

"It has several dormant stages. It can go dormant for a long time and then become active again. Its very very hard to get rid of and that's why it's very dangerous," Mirza said. "It is one of the top 10 most dangerous pests not established here."

The khapra beetle can also

survive for long periods of time without food and is resistant to insecticides and fumigants.

The rice was found in a box of food and personal effects being sent from one person to another, Mirza said.

The shipment was immediately quarantined and safeguarded and then destroyed under U.S. Customs and Border Protection supervision, Mirza said.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture website, in 1953 an extensive infestation of khapra beetle was found in California, prompting a massive eradication effort. Earlier this year, border



protection officials in beetle in a shipment of tile from China. □

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Two shot at Omaha high school

OMAHA, Neb — A school principal and another school employee were shot on Wednesday at an Omaha high school, and a student suspected of being the gunman was found dead in his car, police said. No students were hurt in the shooting at Millard South High School, which was on lockdown, police said.

“We’ve located the suspect. He was located in a vehicle, deceased” away from the school, police spokesman Jacob Bettin told reporters.

The suspect, believed to be a senior at the school, presumably shot himself, Bettin said.

“The threat ... is over,” Bettin said, adding students would be released classroom by classroom. “We’re going to look into the suspect’s motives and history. The suspect was a student at the school, I believe a senior,” Bettin said.

The principal, Curtis Case, was in stable but serious condition at Creighton University Medical Center, according to spokeswoman Kelsey Archer. The condition of the other employee was not known. The school reopened on Wednesday after a winter break. □

Explosion hits Tennessee ammunition plant

MEMPHIS — A blast ripped through an ammunition plant in southwestern Tennessee on Wednesday and rescuers were searching for a missing employee believed to be inside the building, authorities said. The blast at the Kinematics Research plant in Oakland, Tennessee, occurred during a midafternoon work shift, said Inspector Ray Garcia of the Fayette County, Tenn., Sheriff’s Office. An employee was missing and feared to be inside the building, said Sam McKnight, director of Emergency Medical Services in Fayette County.

There was no immediate word on the condition of the missing worker, an unidentified man, McKnight said. A firefighter suffered minor injuries and was taken to Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, about 30 miles away.

The blast occurred at about 2 p.m., said Judy Lipford of the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency. Oakland is located in southwestern Tennessee. The cause of the explosion was unknown. The plant makes ammunition, according to the Fayette County Sheriff’s office. □

Contractor mistakenly levels Pittsburgh home

PITTSBURGH — A Pittsburgh man’s home has been leveled after city officials say a contractor mistakenly demolished it along with a neighboring house.

Homeowner Andre Hall says he’d already replaced the windows and done other work on the long-vacant house in the city’s West End neighborhood. But when he arrived to do more work Monday a backhoe was sitting on top of the rubble of his home.

The home had been condemned but the city had issued an order halting demolition after Hall bought it in November. The head of the city’s Bureau of Building Inspection says the house next door was supposed to be taken down but the contractor demolished Hall’s home as well. The city solicitor’s office says it’s reviewing the matter. A message left for the contractor was not immediately returned Wednesday. □

GIBBS

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The changes means Obama is resetting his presidency as core members of his team head for the door, with senior adviser David Axelrod soon to follow and uncertainty looming over who will permanently replace Rahm Emanuel, another defining figure who quit as the top White House manager three months ago to run for Chicago mayor.

Obama aides are promising stability, particularly as former campaign manager David Plouffe joins the senior staff on Monday, but even Gibbs acknowledged what’s happening is a “pretty major retooling.”

“It’s a good time to get some fresh voices, including somebody up here,” Gibbs, 39, said from his familiar perch behind the White House briefing room lectern.

The crowd for his question and answer session with reporters was bigger than normal — the news media and Gibbs’ staff members packed the room after word had gotten out about his decision. But otherwise, it was a classic Gibbs briefing: a bit late in starting and then filled with winding answers, stern defenses of the president’s policies and wisecracks with his questioners. As attention centers on the new Congress, Obama is installing the leadership that will help define his agenda, the way he cooperates with or combats Republicans and his re-election style. Of all the faces coming and going, Gibbs is perhaps the one best known to America through his nonstop appearances on television and his forays into social media like Twitter. Obama is now deciding whether to stick with his respected, below-the-radar Pete Rouse as chief of staff, or bring in Daley, a banking executive who’s more comfortable in front of the cameras. That decision appears largely to be a matter of whether Rouse, the interim chief, wants to stay on for another two years.

A combination of internal fatigue and a demand to shift people to the 2012 re-election campaign effort is fueling all the personnel changes. The president is



US President Barack Obama’s top spokesman Robert Gibbs speaks during a press briefing at the White House in Washington, DC. Gibbs said Wednesday he would resign, to fight his boss’s corner from outside the White House “bubble” in a “major retooling” of the administration.

expected on Friday to name a new top economic adviser, likely Treasury official Gene Sperling. And no matter who serves as chief of staff, both deputy chiefs of staff, Jim Messina and Mona Sutphen, are leaving soon. As for Gibbs, he has been at Obama’s side since 2004, when Obama had not yet become a U.S. senator from Illinois. His career has soared along with Obama’s, and his friendship and trust with the president has given him a profile that went far beyond the already consuming job of spokesman.

Few people in the West Wing know how Obama thinks as well as Gibbs does.

“I think it’s natural for him to want to step back, reflect and retool,” Obama said in a statement. “That brings up some challenges and opportunities for the White House, but it doesn’t change the important role that Robert will continue to play on our team.”

Gibbs is expected to leave by early February. The White House has let it be known that the top three candidates for the jobs are two of Gibbs’ deputies, Bill Burton and Josh Earnest, and Jay Carney, a former journalist who has served for the past two years as Vice President Joe Biden’s communications director.

Anita Dunn, the former communications director under Obama, said Gibbs’ exit means the White House was losing “institutional memory, a keen strategist, a witty if occasionally acerbic spokesperson, and a passionate defender of the president’s values.” But, she

added, “He’s not going far.”

Gibbs will remain a part of Obama’s inner circle, setting up shop nearby the White House in the same office that Plouffe, himself an outside counselor to Obama, will be vacating. Axelrod, too, will still be a top adviser to Obama when he leaves the White House in a few weeks.

Gibbs is also expected to be a paid consultant to Obama’s re-election campaign. He has not ruled out returning to the White House should Obama win a second term.

Some of the contours of his new job are not known. Gibbs would not say whether he would represent corporate clients as an adviser. But he did say Obama is his last political client. As a speechmaker, Gibbs’ value may never be higher than right after he leaves the White House. Those familiar with the industry say he likely could command \$20,000 to \$40,000 per speech in his first year out. He could easily dwarf the \$172,000 salary he makes at the White House.

To the reporters who spar with Gibbs regularly, his inside knowledge about Obama’s thinking could help provide reliable detail. But Gibbs has often frustrated the media too by being hard to reach by phone or e-mail and failing to follow up in organized ways. He is known as a big personality who can be affable but also sarcastic and short in his dealings with the press.

He has also at times tried to cut the tension, including one hot day when he agreed to sit in a dunk tank on the South Lawn. □

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112th Congress convenes; Boehner elected speaker

By LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Newly elected speaker John Boehner hailed the Republican Party's return to control of the House Wednesday, vowing a more open legislative process but acknowledging that "a great deal of scar tissue has built up on both sides of the aisle."

GOP lawmakers, who picked up 64 House seats in the November elections, cheered loudly when Boehner defeated Democrat Nancy Pelosi in the roll call for speaker. The veteran Ohio lawmaker's rise to the speakership was virtually guaranteed by his party's midterm triumphs, which ended Pelosi's four-year reign.

The new Senate also convened Wednesday, with Vice President Joe Biden administering the oath to lawmakers he had campaigned for and against last fall. Senators moved quickly to a debate over filibuster rules, with Democratic and Republican leaders accusing each other of obstructing progress and trying to game the parliamentary system.

But most eyes were on the House, where the new GOP majority has vowed to battle President Barack Obama on health care, spending, taxes and other issues.

Boehner, the perpetually tanned legislator who rose, fell and rose again in Republican leadership contests over the past two decades, told a packed chamber that Congress must tackle tough issues such as cutting spending and reducing the deficit.

"No longer can we kick the

can down the road," he said.

But far-reaching accords will be difficult in Washington, where Democrats still control the Senate and Obama wields veto powers.

In the House, children and grandchildren of new lawmakers fidgeted, temporarily lending lighter moments to a chamber certain to see fierce debates and partisan votes in the next two years. House Republicans, for instance, plan to vote within days to overturn Obama's 2010 health care overhaul, but they acknowledge it's a symbolic gesture because the Senate will not concur.

Nineteen House Democrats refused to vote for Pelosi as speaker, baring the lingering wounds from last fall's bitter elections. Countless GOP campaign ads had depicted Pelosi and her allies as out-of-touch liberals. Eleven House Democrats kept campaign promises Wednesday by voting for fellow centrist Heath Shuler, D-N.C.

The GOP's dramatic election gains will give them a 242-193 edge in the House. Many freshman Republicans are hardcore conservatives with tea party connections, and Boehner may struggle at times to keep his caucus unified, especially on contentious matters such as raising the federal debt limit.

The day's ceremonies ended two years of Democratic dominance in Washington and ushered in a divided government in the run-up to the 2012 congressional and presidential elections. With campaigns but a short time away, Obama and

congressional Republicans are set to square off over the size of government and the taxpayer dollars it spends.

Fresh from a Hawaii vacation, Obama told reporters he expects Republicans initially to "play to their base."

"But I'm pretty confident that they're going to recognize that our job is to govern and make sure that we are delivering jobs for the American people," he added. "My hope is that John Boehner and (Senate GOP leader) Mitch McConnell will realize that there will be plenty of time to campaign for 2012 in 2012."

Biden reveled in his role as president of the Senate, swearing in 35 senators — several of whom he campaigned against last fall.

A congenial, back-slapping atmosphere prevailed, and numerous former senators — including former Vice President Dan Quayle — escorted home state colleagues to the Senate well to be sworn in. His son, Ben Quayle, was among the new House members being sworn in on the other side of the building. Several tea party favorites, like Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and Rand Paul, R-Ky., promise to make life complicated for returning Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., himself a survivor of a costly campaign against tea party-backed Sharron Angle.

The first order of Senate business was passing a resolution honoring Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., on becoming the longest serving female senator. Then, the chamber turned to a Democratic-initiated debate on changing



the chamber's rules to tame the filibuster and other ways to grind the Senate to a halt.

For now, both parties will build their election-year cases in the congressional arena.

It began Wednesday morning when Boehner joined Pelosi and others at a bipartisan prayer service at St. Peter's Catholic Church near the Capitol.

It continues when Pelosi, the Californian who made history by becoming the first woman speaker four years ago, hands the gavel to Boehner, the affable Ohioan with blue collar roots, and the new Congress is sworn into office. Republicans have promised to run the House with an eye toward saving and cutting spending, and in a manner more open to public scrutiny and debate.

Boehner said the voters "have reminded us that everything here is on loan from them. That includes this gavel, which I accept cheerfully and gratefully, knowing I am but its caretaker."

Flexing its newfound muscles, the incoming GOP majority is preparing to break its own new rules next week when it votes, without hearings or a chance to make changes, to cancel Obama's signature health care law.

"It's not like we haven't

litigated this for over a year," Boehner said Tuesday.

Across the Capitol, the Senate opened for business with the Democrats' majority down from 60 votes two years ago to 53 — making it harder to enact legislation Obama seeks. But it gives them more than enough clout to block passage of bills like the health care repeal House Republicans want.

The shrunken Democratic ranks give Republicans leverage to bargain for a reduction in spending on items like a \$1.4 billion food safety measure Obama signed Tuesday.

In the House, the GOP's new "cut and grow majority" envisions curbs on government spending and regulations to spur the economy, Cantor said.

The first spending cut vote is set for Thursday, a 5 percent reduction in the amount ticketed for lawmakers' and committees' offices and leadership staff. Aides estimate the savings at \$35 million over the next nine months.

Republicans have pledged to vote at least once a week on bills that cut spending. And Cantor challenged Obama to include significant spending cuts in his State of the Union address on Jan. 25. □

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Two principals shot at Omaha high school, gunman dead



OMAHA, Neb (Reuters) – The son of a police detective shot and wounded the principal and assistant principal of his high school on Wednesday, then shot himself in his car a few blocks away, authorities said. Robert Butler, Jr., 17, who transferred in November to Millard South High school, left a suicide note on the social media site that said the school “drove me to this.”

“Everybody that used to know me I’m sry but Omaha changed me and (expletive) me up. and the school I attend is even worse ur gonna here about the evil (expletive) I did but that (expletive) school drove me to this. I wont u guys

to remember me for who I was b4 this ik. I greatly affected the lives of the families ruined but I’m sorry. goodbye,” Butler posted on his Facebook page. Butler had been suspended from the school on Wednesday morning, when classes resumed after the winter break, for using his vehicle to tear up the football field, local media reported.

Butler’s motive was under investigation, Omaha Police Chief Alex Hayes told reporters, but his father was a police detective, which gave the son access to firearms.

“Tragedy has hit the Omaha Police Department as the suspect’s father is an Omaha

Police detective,” Hayes said. “We are talking to him.”

The principal, Curtis Case, was in stable but serious condition at Creighton University Medical Center, according to spokeswoman Kelsey Archer. He had been at the school for five or six years, Millard Schools Superintendent Keith Lutz said.

Assistant principal Vicki Caspar was in critical condition. She was a veteran administrator at the school, Lutz said.

The school was equipped with security cameras and guards and performed safety drills, Lutz said. “But nothing prepares you,” he said. □

3 charged in drive-by slaying of Ala. child

By **BOB JOHNSON**
 Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Three people were charged Wednesday in the drive-by shooting death of a 6-year-old Alabama girl who was killed in her bed when up to 18 rounds were fired from a rifle through the home where she was sleeping. Elmore County Sheriff Bill Franklin said the capital murder charges, which carry a possible death penalty, were filed against 18-year-old Aaron McDowell and 17-year-old Bernard Nix, both of Alexander City, and 25-year-old Stalandus Slaughter of Eclectic.

The slain child, Kenyatta Kendrick, was a first-grader at Eclectic Elementary School.

“She was asleep in her bed when she was struck by a bullet in her side,” Franklin said. “Any homicide is bad, but you’re dealing with a 6-year-old here.”

Franklin said 19-year-old Darren Kendrick, Kenyatta’s uncle and a senior at Elmore County High School, was sleeping in a nearby chair and was hit once in the left hip and once in the left ankle. He was listed in good condition Wednesday at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery.

Investigators recovered 18 spent rounds from the scene. The rounds are the same caliber as those used by an AK-47 or SKS rifle. Both are semiautomatic .30-caliber rifles.

Chief Deputy Ricky Lowery said the three

suspects were arrested Tuesday and formally charged on Wednesday. Each is charged with one count of capital murder and one count of assault. Bond was set at \$30,000 on the assault charges, but they are being held without bond on the capital murder charges.

Neither Lowery or the sheriff would suggest a motive for the shootings.

Lowery said he did not know if the suspects had hired attorneys. They are to make an initial court appearance Thursday before Elmore County District Judge Glenn Goggans, Lowery said.

Darren Kendrick’s uncle, George Kendrick, lives near the house where the shooting occurred.

“I ran into the house and saw my nephew laying in the chair with half his foot blown off,” George Kendrick told the Montgomery Advertiser. “He told me that his leg hurt. I looked over in the bed beside him and saw the baby.”

I went over to touch her and wake her up and said ‘Boo, Boo,’ and saw blood on the bed. I pulled the covers back and saw that she had been hit in the side.”

George Kendrick said Kenyatta had received a toy Hummer vehicle for Christmas.

“I put it together for her Christmas Eve. And now she’s gone. An innocent little baby asleep in her own bed,” he said.

Eclectic is about 30 miles northeast of Montgomery. □

Park Service declares 17 free days for 2011

WASHINGTON – Americans will be able to commemorate several national holidays with a fee-free trip to one of the country’s national parks, the Department of the Interior announced on Wednesday. The National Park Service, which manages the nation’s parks and monuments, is waiving admission fees on 17 days this year for the 394 national parks throughout the country. “In these tough economic times, our fee-free days will give families many opportunities to enjoy our nation’s heritage and natural beauty in meaningful and affordable ways,” Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said in a news release. The first fee-free holiday is aimed to coincide with observances of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. “Visitors can literally walk in Dr. King’s footsteps at national parks such as Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site in Georgia, Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail in Alabama, or the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis. “Several parks will also honor Dr. King by hosting volunteer projects for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 17,” added Jarvis. Other fee-free days include National Park Week (April 16-24), the first day of summer (June 21), National Public Lands Day (September 24), and Veterans’ Day weekend (November 11-13). □



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Good news for Good News Baptist Church



TANKI LEENDERT - Good News Baptist Church in Tanki Leendert called a new pastor following their Wednesday night church service on 15 December. The congregation voted 100% to call Reverend Danny Alford as their new pastor. Pastor Alford has been in the ministry for forty years, beginning with his biblical education and training at a Baptist college in Springfield, Missouri. He has ministered in American churches in Texas, New York, Alabama, and Florida. He also authored a book on Youth work after he and his wife worked with teenagers for many years. Ten years ago, Reverend Alford and his wife moved to Holland where he successfully planted the Lighthouse Baptist Church in the city of Almere, near Amsterdam. The church began as a Bible Study in a Dutch-Aruban's home in Amsterdam. The ministry eventually expanded to Mr. Alford's home and grew as a church from this point. The church rented space in several locations and is still going well today, being pastored by a Dutch man, at its present location in the Kruidenwijk neighborhood of Almere.

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De Palm Tours performed a much-needed public service on December 24th

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Second National Boa Constrictor sweep

The Second National Boa Constrictor sweep is planned for January 9th, 2011. This boa constrictor capturing activity will take place in the Colony from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. The meeting point is next to the large Valero sign. On January 5th, 2011, a training session will be held at the Centro di Barrio Lago Heights from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Volunteers are invited to participate at this second sweep and are requested to register at boa.taskforce@gmail.com. Questions may also be sent to this email address.

The Boa Constrictor Taskforce was instated by the Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment, Mr. Bennie Sevinger, in an effort to keep the numbers of boas in Aruba's nature as low as possible.

The Boa Constrictor is an invasive species and forms a serious threat to Aruba's fauna. A conservative estimation illustrates that more than 17,000 birds were consumed island wide in 2010 by the boa.

The first national sweep was held on December 12th, 2010. More than 120 volunteers participated in this national event. The taskforce is very happy with such a large turn-out, but still hopes that the numbers of volunteers at national sweeps will increase.

During the boa training session planned on January 5th, instructions will be given about how to identify the different snake species in Aruba's wildlife and how to capture a boa in a very easy way. □

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Along with building the church and ministering to the needs of the people in Almere and the surrounding communities, Pastor Alford became fluent in the Dutch language, never realizing at that time that he would eventually settle in Aruba. Dutch, being a difficult language for most foreigners proved to be equally challenging to the Alford's. Pastor Alford attributes much of his success from self-study and listening to the sermons of another Dutch pastor over the internet. He took advantage of helpful friends that were always happy to tutor him. During their time in Holland,

the Alford's also had the opportunity to arrange a missions trip to Kampala, Uganda. This was their first trip to Africa but not their last! They considered if the Lord was calling them to this country and were ready to go if they felt like God was leading in this direction. Instead, God had other plans. After five years of ministry in Holland, Rev. Alford accepted a call to become the pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Exeter, England. The history of this church, near the River Ex and sitting beside the ancient Roman wall that still surrounds parts of the city, dates back to the days of George Whitfield when a convert of his, Henry Tanner, funded and built

a church known then as Tanner's Tabernacle. Reverend Alford's objective was to encourage and stabilize this church, getting it to the point where they could call their own National pastor. Two and one-half years later, he joyfully and confidently turned the church over to a British man who had been called into the ministry. The Alford's returned to the states at this time, not knowing at the beginning what God was going to do through them. Once again, Reverend Alford had the opportunity to reach out to the continent of Africa. He worked with another missionary who ministered in Middle Eastern and West African countries to help train and encourage National pastors who were "Baptistic" in their doctrine and practices. At this time, he visited war-torn Ghana and Liberia. It was during this time that Mrs. Alford's mother was diagnosed with cancer. The Alford's were then able to understand why the Lord brought them back to their home country rather than allowing them to serve on foreign soil. Shortly before Mrs. Alford's mother

succumbed to her battle with cancer, the Alford's hearts began stirring to be in another foreign country, serving the Lord. After much prayer, the Alford's made a trip to Aruba to confirm God's plan for their lives. They had no doubt that Aruba was where God wanted them to minister next. After their return, they learned about the Good News Baptist Church. The church, started three years ago, had been without a pastor for the past twelve months. They had earnestly been praying for the Lord to send them a pastor who would lead them in the biblical way they desired. Several American pastors had come to help them keep their church going over the past year but there was no one to lead them permanently. Once the Alford's heard about the church, they contacted two of the church officers. A relationship began forming. It seemed very evident that God was bringing to fruition the prayers of the congregation and the desire of the Alford's to minister on this small island. The Alford's then made plans to return to Aruba and to personally meet the members of Good News Baptist Church. In addition,

it was an opportunity for the church to become acquainted with the Alford's. A bond quickly formed between everyone. The church members gave testimony of their assurance that God brought the Alford's to their island and to their church. The Alford's quickly changed their travel plans to extend their trip several extra weeks. When the vote was cast on Wednesday evening, the church unanimously agreed that the Alford's were their answer to prayer and God's man for the job. The Alford's will be returning to the states shortly to raise additional financial support that will be necessary for them to live in Aruba. They have already found a house and hope to close the transaction before their departure. In their absence, Pastor Alford will be arranging for several retired ministers to help carry out the responsibilities of a pastor and to minister in whatever capacity is needed. Pastor Alford cordially invites the islanders of Aruba to visit the Good News Baptist Church. It is located in Tanki Leendert #132-B, just around the corner from the twin, onion-shaped towers and Domino's Pizza on Highway 2-B. □

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island's charming Boca Cura and the North-Eastern coast. The wind-swept area which is toured daily by island visitors serves as the ocean's deposit for floating marine debris, plastic, bottles, and driftwood brought in by the currents of the Caribbean seas, and dumped on the shore. While driftwood, shells and coral washed in by the ocean are welcome, plastic and glass is not!



Alto Vista -- De Palm Tours, Aruba's largest tours and transportation company performed a much-needed public service on December

24th, when it asked its members of management, employees and their family members to volunteer their time for a clean-up of the

Thus De Palm Tours made a decision to stage a seasonal cleaning just before the end of the year. All debris was diligently picked up by De Palm's cadre of volunteers who scoured the small bays and beachfronts just behind the historical Alto Vista church. When the clean-up concluded, a truck-load of trash was escorted to the dump. Visitors and locals may now enjoy an improved vista, courtesy of De Palm Tours. Pictured here the cleaning action in full swing, and the before and after images. □



Aruba Tourism Authority Joins SeaWorld Parks

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BOSTON - Aruba Tourism Authority has signed on as the supporting sponsor for the Boston Globe Travel Show for the sixth consecutive year. SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment and Vacation Outlet are lead sponsors, and Bermuda Tourism and TNT Vacations are contributing sponsors of the 2011 show, which takes place February 11-13 at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston.

"We look forward to being part of the show again this year and educating visitors on all that Aruba has to offer, from ideal year-round weather and friendly locals, to world class resorts, exquisite cuisines and a wide array of activities."

The Boston Globe Travel Show

is the top-attended consumer travel show in the United States, attracting an affluent and educated audience from throughout New England. In 2010, more than 20,000 consumers and 2,000 travel trade professionals attended the show. More than \$5 million in travel was booked on the show floor, across more than 250 exhibitors.

Aruba Tourism Authority has been part of The Boston Globe Travel Show since its inception in 2005. "The Boston Globe Travel Show offers us an opportunity to reach a large number of consumers, many of whom come to the show ready to book a vacation to Aruba. Many are actively seeking out



information about the hotels and activities in Aruba, while shopping the show for travel specials and the best value," said Colleen Lessard, Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association. "We look forward to being part of the show again this year and educating visitors on all that Aruba has to offer, from ideal year-round weather and friendly locals, to world class resorts, exquisite cuisines and a wide array of activities."

The 2011 Boston Globe Travel Show will feature a variety of pavilions showcasing travel destinations from around the world, cruise specials, adventure travel, vacation rentals, vacation planning and packages, and much more. The show also will include cultural seminars, music and dance presentations, cooking demonstrations, express passport services and an array of activities for the entire family. For the second straight year, the travel show will feature "The Engagement Game" where one lucky couple will win an all-expense paid honeymoon.

Show attendees will learn about new and exciting travel opportunities ranging from budget vacations to luxury escapes, vacation rentals and much more. Those interested in booking a vacation will find great deals onsite. The three-day event features more than 250 travel exhibitors and suppliers, representing every segment of the travel industry and offering detailed

information on trips to every region of the world. Gold and Silver sponsors include Omni Mount Washington Resort, The Bethel Inn Resort, Cruise Travel Outlet, Essex Resort & Spa, Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and Poland Spring Resort. Each sponsor will have exhibit space on the show floor to showcase its destination. In addition, many of the sponsors will offer cultural presentations featuring the music, arts or food of their regions. A full list of sponsor activities will be available online closer to the show opening.

The 2011 Boston Globe Travel Show will be open to the public from 5:30-8 p.m. on Friday, February 11; from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 12; and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 13. Travel trade professionals are welcome throughout the weekend, with an exclusive trade-only viewing time

from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, February 13.

For more information about exhibiting at the 2011 Boston Globe Travel Show, visit www.bostonglobetravelshow.com or contact Liesl Robinson at 888/210-8895. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Ted Petersen at 617/929-7080.

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These individuals spent an entire morning finishing a paint project for the Friends of Christ Community Church. After the project was completed, Emma Eman, co-director of the community church commented, "This was

such a blessing, Thank you very much!"

In a second project on December 16, the Commander of the 429 EOS joined a team of tankers and police in assisting with painting

several rooms at the Meant to Shine Community Center. In addition to painting, members who volunteered also assembled a picnic bench and provided insight on future projects in renovating the facility. □

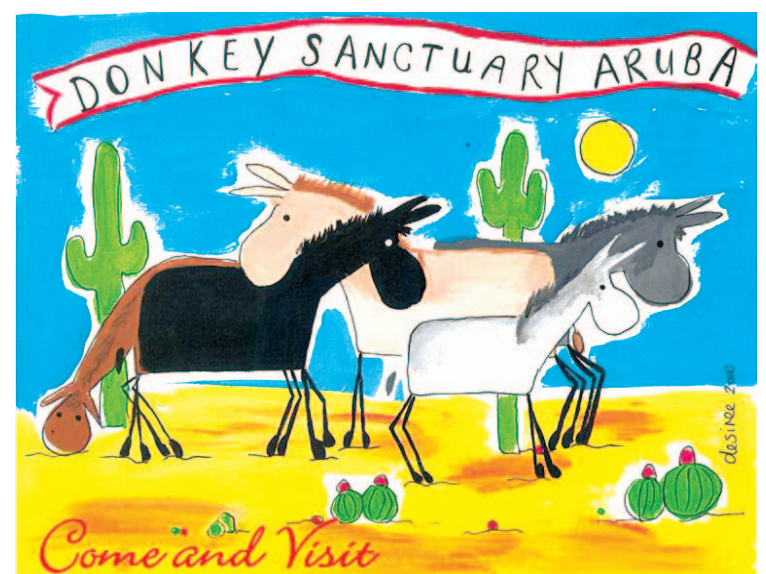
Chippie is on the look-out for friends and family members

ORANJESTAD - We would like to introduce Chippie to you, one of the donkeys living at the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. Chippie has been with us at the sanctuary since 1997. He used to be the leader of the herd, but he has lost that position to Chocolat. Although he is not a leader anymore, he has not lost his dominant traits and now and then he will show clearly who is the boss. Other than that he is a really nice donkey, who loves to be petted. That is because he grew up as a domesticated donkey. The people who took care of him, could not do so anymore and that is how Chippie came to live with us. His owners just called us and brought him to the sanctuary. That is how we like it: this is a much better way than turning an animal loose with all the risks of accidents and injuries

that might cause.

Chippie has one very unusual habit, which makes him stand out: when it is time to eat, he loves to stand right in the middle of the feed, while the other donkeys stand around him. Throughout the years, Chippie's central presence has become a normal sight, so neither the volunteers nor the donkeys are finding this strange anymore. Chippie has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way he can be recognized and all his medical information is on it. The donkeys at the shelter are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are

visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the shelter afloat that way. The volunteers of the shelter are now looking for people who wish to adopt Chippie. He will stay at the shelter, of course; the only thing that is needed is that AWG. 30,-- per month is paid for his keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the shelter. You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website. Please call the shelter at 595-2933 and become Chippie's new family member; you can also register as an adoptive parent via our website www.arubadonkey.org or deposit a donation on our Aruba Bank account 40.03.025. Please help! □



In an era of permanent campaigning Is there Room for compromise?



Philadelphia and Cambridge, Mass. — If politics is the art of the possible, then compromise is the soul of democracy. In the deal he proposed to extend the Bush-era tax cuts (now signed into law), President Obama reminded his critics on both sides of the aisle that the refusal to compromise can make everyone worse off. It privileges the status quo — in this case an earlier status quo that virtually no one wanted. Why is compromise so hard? Obama was in a difficult position because in the 2008 campaign he had promised to reject tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. Now he was proposing to accept them. His Democratic critics cried betrayal: We are not against compromise, they said, only this compromise, at least so soon. Stick to the principles you championed in the campaign. Hold out for more.

Bush tax cuts 101: Who will get what?

The Republicans were suddenly seized with the virtues of compromise, but only for this compromise, and only after their electoral success. If the Democratic critics are looking to the promises made in the last campaign, the Republicans are looking to the promise the next campaign holds for them.

The critics on both sides misunderstand what compromise in a democracy really requires: a different

mindset than what they are currently displaying. But achieving this crucial mindset is becoming increasingly difficult — because of the rise of the never-ending campaign.

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Campaigning vs. governing Compromise requires a shift from the postures of campaigning to the positions of governing. The president's critics miss the depth of the problem when they focus on how the specific gains and concessions in the proposed compromise match their campaign platforms. They are still in campaign mode, operating with a mindset that is perfectly appropriate for running for office, but counterproductive for running a government.

This uncompromising mindset stands tenaciously on principle and mistrusts opponents. In that frame of mind, you can always believe that your side could have won more if only you had pressed harder or the other side had been more reasonable. When the uncompromising mindset prevails, desirable legislation founders.

The mindset that promotes compromise — which favors adapting one's principles and respecting one's opponents — used to be more robust than it is today. The most comprehensive tax reform legislation in modern American history, the Tax

Reform Act of 1986, was forged with the support of a bipartisan group that included President Ronald Reagan, Democrats Dan Rostenkowski and Bill Bradley, and Republican Bob Packwood. They were partisans — by no means oblivious to electoral pressures, but prepared to take responsibility for governing, and adopt the attitudes required to fulfill it. Deficit commission: Four things both sides may agree on

The incursion of campaigning into governing is increasing because campaigns have become, in effect, permanent. Campaigning is an essential part of the democratic process, but when it spreads out of its natural environment and threatens the process of governance, it needs to be pruned back. The mindset it breeds is hostile to governing.

To govern, politicians need to look beyond how a particular compromise matches their campaign principles or how it affects their opponents' fortunes. While the compromising mindset attends to political realities, it also focuses on the most critical question for governing: Compared to the realistic alternatives, does this compromise promote the principles of both sides better than the status quo?

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Shifting the balance The

influence of campaigning is not necessarily greater than other factors that make compromise difficult. Increased polarization in Congress and the parties certainly does not help. But the mindset associated with campaigning — with its overriding goal of producing a winner and a loser — reinforces and exacerbates all of the other factors. Sharp ideological differences would present less of an obstacle to compromise in the absence of the continual pressures of campaigning, and the mindset on which it thrives.

Despite standing toward the right and left wings of their parties, respectively, Senators Orrin Hatch (R) and Ted Kennedy (D) managed (according to Hatch) “to come together in a bipartisan fashion to craft some of this nation's most important health legislation,” among other legislative achievements.

We need to shift the balance in our democratic process more toward the compromising mindset and the promotion of political compromises it makes possible. This shift requires less governing by campaigning, and more respect for the virtue of compromise in its place. This shift also requires some fundamental changes in our electoral and governing processes — changes that many observers believe

desirable anyhow. We must regulate fundraising and provide public financing so that the pressures of campaigning are not so dominant in governing. We must prevent the abuse of congressional investigations for partisan purposes to make campaign points. We must design open government initiatives so that they engage moderate citizens and inform rather than manipulate, simply to mobilize. We must also regularly raise questions during the campaign about how candidates will govern. Senate's 16 new members arrive on Capitol Hill: Who are they?

The capacity for compromise has long been one of American democracy's greatest natural resources, which we are now squandering. As the 112th Congress convenes, its conservation has never been more needed.

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Cleric who fought U.S. returns to Iraq from exile

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NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a fierce opponent of the United States and head of Iraq's most feared militia, came home Wednesday after nearly four years in self-imposed exile in Iran, welcomed by hundreds of cheering supporters in a return that solidifies the rise of his movement.

Al-Sadr's presence in Iraq ensures he will be a powerful voice in Iraqi politics as U.S. forces leave the country. He left Iraq in 2007 somewhat as a renegade, a firebrand populist whose militiamen battled American troops and Iraqi forces. He returns a more legitimized figure, leading an organized political movement that is a vital partner in the new government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Al-Sadr can wield a bully pulpit to put strong pressure on al-Maliki — and is likely to demand that no American troops remain beyond their scheduled final withdrawal date at the end of this year. His return caused trepidation among many Iraqis, particularly Sunnis who remember vividly the sectarian killings carried out by his militia, the Mahdi Army, and believe he is a tool of Iran.

But his supporters were jubilant.

"He is our hero. We sacrificed for him. He said 'No' to the Americans and fought the Americans, and he is brave," said Mohammed Ali, among the crowds who turned out to greet al-Sadr in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, south of Baghdad.

Al-Sadr visited the holy shrine of Imam Ali, revered among the country's Shiite

majority, wearing a black turban distinguishing him as one of the descendants of Islam's Prophet Muhammad, and surrounded by a phalanx of bodyguards who attempted to hold back a throng of supporters.

He also visited the grave of his father, who was assassinated during Saddam Hussein's rule, before heading to his house. Dozens of black-clad Mahdi Army members spread out through the neighborhood surrounding his home.

The fiery preacher has legions of followers among Iraq's poorer classes who see him as a champion of their rights against both the Sunnis who dominated Iraq under Saddam and other Shiite political parties such as al-Maliki's Dawa party, which represents more of the Shiite middle class.

Al-Sadr has not been seen publicly in Iraq since 2007 when he left to study Islam in Qom, the seat of Shiite education, as a way to burnish his religious credentials. He also faced an arrest warrant for his alleged role in assassinating a rival Shiite cleric.

The arrest warrant appeared to be in effect as recently as last March but the chances it would be enforced appear highly unlikely considering the alliance between al-Maliki and al-Sadr. The public nature of al-Sadr's return — his first appearance in Iraq since leaving for Iran — suggested he had little to fear.

The cleric and his followers have parlayed their street credentials earned from battling U.S. forces and a savvy political organizing ability into 40 seats in the 325-member parliament during last March's election. Their grudging support for al-

Maliki secured him a second term.

"The American occupation was always a useful rallying point but his objective is power in Iraq," said Joost Hiltermann from the International Crisis Group.

For many Iraqis, especially the minority Sunnis, al-Sadr and his Mahdi Army will always be synonymous with the vicious sectarian killings that they are blamed for carrying out during the worst of the sectarian violence in 2006 and 2007.

In the Azamiyah neighborhood that used to be a favorite target of the Mahdi Army death squads, residents watched his return with concern. Ahmed al-Azami, a 43-year-old lawyer, said people fear his militia will once again become active and described al-Sadr as little more than a tool of Iran.

Al-Sadr's return came on the same day that the Iranian foreign minister made his first visit to Iraq. During a visit to Najaf, the Iranian ambassador, Hassan Danaei, praised al-Sadr.

"His presence will serve stability in Iraq," the ambassador said.

An official from the Sadrist office in Najaf said al-Sadr's return was permanent. He spoke on condition of



Anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, center, is surrounded by supporters in the Shiite city of Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011. Al-Sadr, who led several Shiite uprisings against American forces in Iraq before going into exile in neighboring Iran almost four years ago, has returned to Iraq, officials said Wednesday.

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anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, and al-Sadr made no public comments.

Enmity between al-Sadr and al-Maliki runs deep.

Al-Maliki in 2008 launched an offensive against al-Sadr's followers in Baghdad and the southern city of Basra. The show of force infuriated many of his Shiite allies but also demonstrated al-Maliki's willingness to go after all militias, even those representing his own sect.

But al-Sadr eventually backed al-Maliki for a second term after protracted negotiations following the March elections, likely owing

to intense pressure from Iran and in return for concessions. Iraqi officials have said that hundreds of his followers have been released from jail, a key Sadrist demand.

Iraqis in many southern provinces and parts of eastern Baghdad where the Sadrists dominate have reported intimidation by Sadrist members, who are feeling bolder in light of their newfound political power. They have tried to enforce their strict Islamic restrictions in areas they traditionally controlled, cracking down on the sale of alcohol or cafes where people smoke water pipes. □

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U.S. special envoy on North Korea, Stephen Bosworth talks to the media after meeting with South Korean officials at the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011. Bosworth arrived Monday to discuss ways to deal with North Korea amid lingering tension following the North's artillery attack on a front-line island that killed four South Koreans in last year's November.

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But the North has made some conciliatory moves recently. On New Year's Day, the government issued a lengthy statement calling for warmer ties and the resumption of joint projects with South Korea. Pyongyang, eager for food and fuel assistance, has said it wants stalled international aid-for-nuclear-disarmament

talks to restart. Washington and Seoul have said the North must first fulfill past nuclear disarmament commitments.

On Monday, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak vowed to increase his country's defenses but made clear the door was open for talks with Pyongyang and was willing to enhance economic cooperation between the rivals. On Wednesday, North

Korean officials responded with their own call for negotiations.

"We are ready to meet anyone anytime and anywhere, letting bygones be bygones, if he or she is willing to go hands in hands with us," said a statement carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency. It

added that history has shown that such confrontations can only lead to an "armed clash and war."

South Korea's Unification Ministry immediately rebuffed the overtures late Wednesday.

"We don't consider it as a sincere offer of dialogue," ministry spokeswoman Lee Jong-joo said. North Korea first must apologize for the two attacks and take "sincere" steps toward nuclear disarmament, she said.

North Korea denies involvement in the March sinking of the Cheonan warship, and blames the South for triggering the November artillery attack by ignoring warnings against conducting live-fire military drills from an island in waters Pyongyang considers its territory.

The Koreans remain in a state of war because their 1950s conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty. Tens of thousands of tanks and troops guard their land border, the world's most heavily fortified.

However, North Korea disputes the western maritime border drawn by U.N. forces in 1953, and the Yellow Sea waters have been the site of several bloody skirmishes between the Koreans over the years.

The Nov. 23 attack on Yeonpyeong Island, just seven miles (11 kilometers) from North Korean shores but populated by South Korean troops as well as civilian fishing families, marked a serious escalation in the maritime clashes between the Koreans.

After weeks of warlike rhetoric and provocative military drills by both countries' militaries, however, Seoul and Pyongyang have indicated in recent days that peace talks may be possible.

Bosworth, meanwhile, met Wednesday with South Korean officials before heading to Beijing and Tokyo to discuss North Korea. Bosworth said on his arrival in the South on Tuesday that he was hopeful for "serious negotiations" soon on the North.

On Thursday, Bosworth is expected to ask China for insights into last month's talks in Pyongyang between North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo, Beijing's top foreign policy official. China has come under growing pressure to push ally North Korea to change its behavior.

North Korea will be a key issue during Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to Washington later this month. □

Angry crowd forces Israeli PM to halt speech



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during a ceremony to commemorate the wildfires at the Carmel forest in northern Israel, in Kibbutz Beit Oren, Israel, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011.

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Angry relatives of 42 Israelis killed in a huge forest fire last month forced Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu to stop his speech Wednesday at a ceremony honoring the dead. Family members shouted that he should be held responsible for the handling of the disaster response. Others directed their anger at Interior Minister Eli Yishai, who was escorted out of the hall. Firefighting services are part of his ministry.

Israel's firefighting services were unprepared for the huge fire, which destroyed swaths of forest in Israel's north. Since Israel lacked any suitable aircraft, Netanyahu had to appeal for help from abroad. Several nations, including the United States, sent firefighting planes that helped douse the blaze after four days.

During Wednesday's disturbance, bodyguards rushed toward the podium and formed a line to keep people

away from Netanyahu.

Relatives yelled at him to resign and called the ceremony a disgrace. They objected to his attempt to identify with their personal pain without taking responsibility for the tragedy.

"We will find out the truth. We will not rest until we find out the truth," shouted one man from the crowd.

Netanyahu had to stop talking for several minutes while security officers restored order.

Among those who heckled Netanyahu was Danny Rosen, the partner of Israel's highest-ranking female police officer, Ahuva Tomer, the police chief of the northern city of Haifa. She was killed when flames enveloped a bus she was accompanying. It was carrying prison service workers toward a jail, where they were sent to evacuate prisoners. □



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Dutch firefighters tackle blaze at chemical plant

MIKE CORDER

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Local authorities told residents to stay indoors Wednesday night as some 150 firefighters attempted to smother a huge blaze that had been raging for hours at a chemical storage and packing company.

The fire started in the early afternoon at Chemie-Pack Nederland BV in an industrial estate in the southern town of Moerdijk, sending a towering plume of thick smoke into the air and causing several powerful blasts, apparently as storage tanks exploded.

Police spokesman Willem van Hooijdonk told national

broadcaster NOS that “poisonous, flammable and corrosive” chemicals were stored at the company, but Moerdijk mayor Wim Denie told a press conference that measurements had not detected fumes at a level that could form a health risk.

With the fire still blazing late Wednesday, firefighters said they would extinguish the flames under a “blanket of foam” and warned it could initially increase the amount of smoke.

Moerdijk municipality advised residents to stay indoors, saying the smoke “can cause irritation of the airways and eyes” but adding that it was not expected to

have any lasting effect.

Authorities also closed off the nearby A16 highway to traffic and warned local farmers to move livestock indoors so they did not eat soot falling from the smoke plume.

Police said none of the company’s 50 staff were injured. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Residents in parts of the nearby city of Dordrecht also were warned to keep windows and doors shut and boats on the nearby Hollands Diep waterway was halted.

Some 150 firefighters were tackling the blaze and the government sent three airforce firefighting trucks to the scene. □



A plume of smoke billows from a burning chemical plant as firefighters are seen outside the plant in the southern Dutch town of Moerdijk, Netherlands, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011. Local authorities warned residents to stay indoors and keep doors and windows shut Wednesday as a major blaze and explosions ripped through a chemical storage and packing company.

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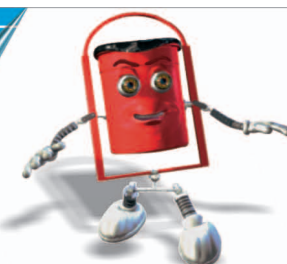
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Giant tuna fetches record \$396,000 in Tokyo



Year-end shoppers gather to watch a demonstration of slicing a bluefin tuna outside a sushi restaurant near Tsukiji fish market, in Tokyo, Monday, Dec. 27, 2010.

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Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A giant bluefin tuna fetched a record 32.49 million yen, or nearly \$396,000, in Tokyo on Wednesday, in the first

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auction of the year at the world's largest wholesale fish market.

The price for the 754-pound tuna beat the previous record set in 2001 when a 445-pound fish sold for 20.2

million yen, a spokesman for Tsukiji market said.

"It was an exceptionally large fish," said the official, Yutaka Hasegawa. "But we were all surprised by the price."

The massive tuna was bought and shared by the same duo who won the bidding for last year's top fish: the owners of Kyubey, an upscale sushi restaurant in Tokyo's Ginza district, and Itamae Sushi, a casual, Hong Kong-based chain.

Reporters thronged Hong Kong entrepreneur Ricky Cheng after his big win, which reflects the growing popularity of sushi around the world, particularly in Asia.

"I was nervous when I

arrived in Tokyo yesterday, but I am relieved now," he said after the auction, which began shortly after 5 a.m.

The giant tuna, caught off the coast of northern Japan, was among 538 shipped in from around the world for Wednesday's auction.

The record-setting price translates to a whopping 95,000 yen per kilogram, or about \$526 per pound.

Japan is the world's biggest consumer of seafood, with Japanese eating 80 percent of the Atlantic and Pacific bluefins caught. The two tuna species are the most sought-after by sushi lovers. Fatty bluefin — called "o-toro" here — can sell for 2,000 yen (\$24) per piece at high-end Tokyo sushi

restaurants.

Japanese wholesalers, however, face growing calls for tighter fishing rules amid declining tuna stocks worldwide.

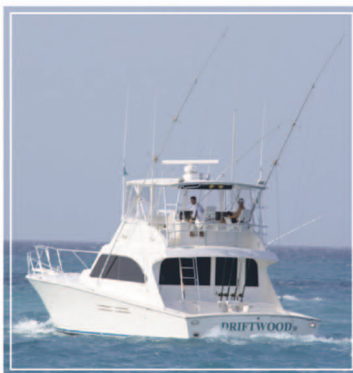
In November, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas voted to cut the bluefin fishing quota in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean from 13,500 to 12,900 metric tons annually — about a 4 percent reduction. It also agreed on measures to try to improve enforcement of quotas on bluefin.

The decision was strongly criticized by environmental groups, which hoped to see bluefin fishing slashed or suspended. □

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BYLEVEN, ALOMAR ENSHRINED IN COOPERSTOWN

Former Minnesota Twins pitcher Bert Blyleven dons a baseball cap as he addresses the media during a news conference after being elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame in Fort Myers, Fla., Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011.

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John Elway rejoins Broncos as football exec



Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway and Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, right, gather for a photo during an NFL football news conference at the team's headquarters Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, in Englewood, Colo., where Elway was named the team's executive vice president of football operations.

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ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado (AP) — Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway has been summoned by the Denver Broncos to return as the team's top football executive.

The beloved Elway, who led the Broncos to five Super Bowls and back-to-back championships before retiring in 1998, will be executive vice president of football operations in a reshaped front office.

"John has won championships as both a player and executive, and his experience will be a valuable addition to this franchise," team owner Pat Bowlen said. "He is the perfect fit for this role, and I am excited to welcome him back to the Denver Broncos." Also, chief operating officer Joe Ellis will become team president and Brian Xanders will go from the general manager in name only to one who's empowered in the new organizational chart.

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KAPALUA KICKOFF

PGA Tour season starts with Tournament of Champions

Graeme McDowell, of Northern Ireland, celebrates birdieing the 18th hole in regulation during the Chevron World Challenge golf tournament at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010. Graeme McDowell won in sudden death against Tiger Woods.

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Alomar and Blyleven elected to Hall of Fame

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Puerto Rican infielder Roberto Alomar and pitcher Bert Blyleven were voted into the U.S. Hall of Fame on Wednesday, the two-time World Series champions easily elected after narrow misses last season.

Major League Baseball sluggers Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGwire, Jeff Bagwell and Juan Gonzalez came nowhere close. Hall voters, for now, seem intent to prevent the hall from being stained by major players in the Steroids Era.

Alomar was picked on 90 percent of the ballots by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The 12-time MLB All-Star won a record 10 Gold Gloves at second base, hit .300 for his career and helped the Toronto Blue Jays win the World Series in 1992-93.

Blyleven was picked on 79.7 percent — it takes 75 percent to reach the shrine. The great curveballer had 287 wins, 3,701 strikeouts and 60 shutouts. This was the 14th time on the ballot for Blyleven, who helped pitch Pittsburgh to the 1979 title and Minnesota to the 1987 crown. Many years ago, he drew barely over 14 percent in the BBWAA voting.

"I could not be happier if it was my own son," Minnesota Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew said. "I played in the first game Bert pitched for the Minnesota Twins in 1970. ... I wish it wouldn't have taken so long but now that he is in, it's wonderful." Blyleven's career stats have been boosted in recent years by sabermetricians who have new ways to evaluate baseball numbers.

"It's been 14 years of praying and waiting," Blyleven said in a conference call. "I'd like to thank the Baseball Writers of America for, I'd like to say, finally getting it right."

Palmeiro, McGwire, Bagwell and Gonzalez fared poorly in the election, with voters apparently reluctant



Former baseball player Roberto Alomar smiles as he addresses the media during a news conference, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, in Toronto, after he was elected into baseball's Hall of Fame; and Former Minnesota Twins pitcher Bert Blyleven smiles he addresses the media during a news conference in Fort Myers, Fla., Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, after being elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.

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to choose bulky hitters who posted big numbers in the 1990s and 2000s.

Palmeiro was listed on just 64 of a record 581 ballots (11 percent) in his first try despite lofty career numbers — he is joined by Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray as the lone MLB players with more than 3,000 hits and 500 home runs. But Palmeiro failed a drug test and was suspended by MLB in 2005. Bagwell got 41.7 percent in his first year on the ballot. His career stats are among the best for first basemen since World War II — .297 batting average, .408 on-base percentage and .540 slugging percentage. He hit 449 home runs, topped 1,500 RBIs and

runs and ran the bases hard. He was MLB rookie of the year, National League MVP and a Gold Glove winner.

Bagwell never tested positive, there were no public allegations against him and he was adamant that he never used illegal drugs. Still, many voters and fans aren't sure yet how to assess the big numbers put up by the game's biggest hitters. McGwire got 19.8 percent, a drop from 23.7 percent last year. This was his fifth time on the ballot, and first since the former home run champion admitted he took steroids and human growth hormone.

Juan Gonzalez, a two-time American League MVP implicated by Jose Canseco

in steroids use, received 30 votes, just above the 5 threshold for remaining on the ballot next year.

Alomar and Blyleven will be joined by Pat Gillick at the induction ceremonies on July 24 in Cooperstown. The longtime executive was picked last month by the Veterans Committee. Gillick helped earn his place with a trade that brought Alomar to Toronto. Smart and acrobatic on the field, Alomar also was guilty in one of the game's most boorish moments. He spit on umpire John Hirschbeck during a dispute in 1996 and was suspended. They later made up and Hirschbeck supported Alomar's bid for the Hall.

"I regret every bit of it. I apologized many times to John," he said. "I feel good I've had a good relationship with John."

Said Hirschbeck: "I'm very, very happy for him. It's overdue." Alomar drew 73.7 percent last year in his first try on the ballot. Blyleven had come even closer, missing by just five votes while getting 74.2 percent — it takes 75 percent for election.

"Robbie was an incredible player. He was a pleasure to watch play the game and I am not saying that because he was my brother. He had all the tools and put them all into play," former Cleveland teammate Sandy Alomar Jr. said. □

Beltre, Texas agree to \$96M, 6-year deal



Texas Rangers general manager Jon Daniels, left, shakes hands with newly acquired third baseman Adrian Beltre, right, following a news conference, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, in Arlington, Texas. Beltre agreed to a \$96 million, six-year contract with the team.

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STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The American League champion

Texas Rangers introduced Adrian Beltre on Wednesday after agreeing on a \$96 million, six-year contract with the All-Star third baseman.

"We all know that the Rangers have a really good team. I want to win," Beltre said. "The team is willing to do whatever it takes to get to the next step. That's one of the factors to make my decision to come here easier."

Beltre gets \$14 million this year, \$15 million in 2012, \$16 million in 2013, \$17 million in 2014, \$18 million in 2015 and \$16 million in 2016. The Rangers can void the final season if Beltre fails to have either 1,200 plate appearances in 2014-15 combined or 600 in 2015.

Beltre became a free agent after turning down a \$10 million player option to stay with the Boston Red Sox.

A two-time Gold Glove winner, Beltre hit .321 with 28 homers, 102 RBIs and 49 doubles in 154 games during his only season with Boston. He was a Major League Baseball All-Star for the first time in his 13-season career.

Beltre, who will turn 32 the first week of the regular season, is a .275 hitter in 1,835 career MLB games for the Los Angeles Dodgers (1998-04), Seattle (2005-09) and Boston.

Texas appeared in its first World Series last season, losing to San Francisco in five games after beating the New York Yankees in the AL Championship Series. □

Titans' owner: time to let QB Vince Young go

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans owner Bud Adams says it's time to let Vince Young go and for the franchise to find its next quarterback.

The Titans released a statement Wednesday night in which Adams said Young won't be on the team's roster next season, but he's still evaluating the coaching staff. "We have two critical decisions to make, the direction of the coaching staff and the future at the quarterback position. They are separate issues to me and will be dealt with separately," Adams said.

Adams is the owner who wanted Young drafted No. 3 overall out of Texas in 2006 and said on draft day that "VY is my guy." But with his general manager and senior executive vice president traveling to Houston to meet with Adams on Monday, the 88-year-old owner decided Young no longer is the quarterback for his franchise. Young is 30-17 in his five NFL seasons, but only 13-14 against teams finishing a season at .500 or better. He's also battled questions over his work ethic, leadership and injuries. He suffered a season-ending thumb injury on his right hand Nov. 21, tossed his shoulder pads into the stands and told off coach Jeff Fisher in front of the locker room before storming out.

The 27-year-old quarterback told The Tennessean that he was a little bitter but thanked Adams and Fisher for giving him a chance to win the Super Bowl. He also said he had nothing against Fisher, though he never felt like the coach trusted him or that he was his guy.

"Everything was my fault. But that's over now. I wish coach Fisher and Bud Adams and all my coaches and teammates best," Young said. The quarterback is due a roster bonus of \$4.25 million in March and an \$8.5 million salary for 2011.

Adams said he informed general manager Mike Reinfeldt to start identifying the team's next quarterback and thanked Young for his contributions to the team.

"These kinds of decisions are never easy and this is especially true for this particular player. I certainly wish that things would have worked out better, but I think it is best for the franchise that we move on at this point," Adams said.

Reinfeldt informed agent Tom Condon that Young isn't in the team's plans for the future. League rules keep Young from being released until Feb. 7, and he cannot be traded until the first day of the league year — an uncertain date because of the labor unrest. Reinfeldt says Young is welcome to rehab his season-ending thumb injury at the team facility.

The news caught Young's teammates by surprise, even though they had been asked for the past couple weeks whether they thought both Young and Fisher could work together again.

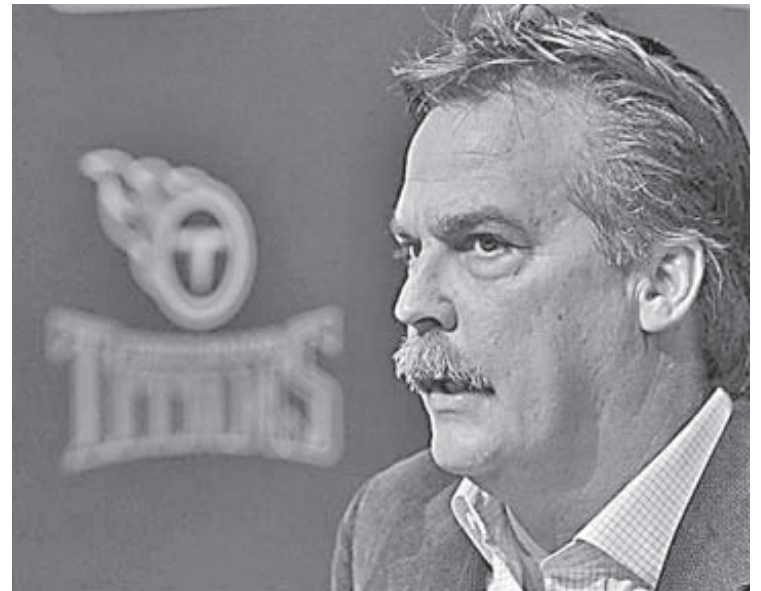
"That's crazy," running back Chris Johnson told ESPN. "That's something I would have never expected. When you looked at his on-field play, he produced. He produced a lot of wins."

Young came in as the successor to Steve McNair. He started off strong, being selected The Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2006, and he helped the Titans go 10-6 with a wild-card playoff spot in 2007.

But he had an injury in the 2008 opener and Fisher wound up calling police when Young's mother worried about him speeding off a day later from his home in his Mercedes.

Veteran Kerry Collins remained the starter as the Titans opened 10-0 and earned the AFC's No. 1 seed that season.

But Young came off the bench under Adams' orders after the Titans started 0-6 in 2009, and the quarterback helped them win eight of their final 10 games. He started eight of nine games in 2010 but couldn't finish three games because of injuries. He threw for 10 touchdowns with only three interceptions and a career-best 98.6 passer rating



Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher speaks with reporters at the NFL football team's practice facility Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans' playoff hopes that came with a 5-2 start in the season disappeared with injuries to quarterback Vince Young and eight losses in their final nine games.

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as he was 93 of 156 for 1,255 yards.

Since being placed on injured reserve on Nov. 23, Young was seen in the team's locker room only once on Dec. 17, and he was on the sideline during the third quarter of the Titans' win over Houston on Dec. 19 before leaving the field early in the fourth quarter.

Young didn't show up Monday for the team's final meeting of the regular season. Asked about Young's absence, Fisher said to ask the quarterback.

Adams also said in his statement that he informed Fisher he still is evaluating

the coaching staff.

"I am hoping to make a decision soon," Adams said. Fisher could not be reached for comment Wednesday night.

He is the NFL's longest-tenured coach with his current team, having just finished his 16th full season and coached his 273rd game with the Titans. Tennessee started this season with high expectations and was atop the AFC South at 5-2 before losing eight of the final nine games to finish 6-10.

Fisher is under contract for 2011 at a tab of \$6.5 million and the Titans will pick eighth overall in the draft. □

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NBA Roundup

Wade gets 34, Heat pull away to beat Bucks 101-89

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade scored 34 points, and LeBron James added 25 points and nine assists as the Miami Heat pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 101-89 on Tuesday for their 19th win in 20 games. Chris Bosh finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Heat, who trailed most of the third quarter before putting together a 32-13 burst, sealed by a 13-0 run in the final minutes.

It was Miami's final home game for two weeks; the Heat start a five-game, 10-day trip in Milwaukee on Friday. Miami has won 11 straight away from home.

John Salmons scored 18 points

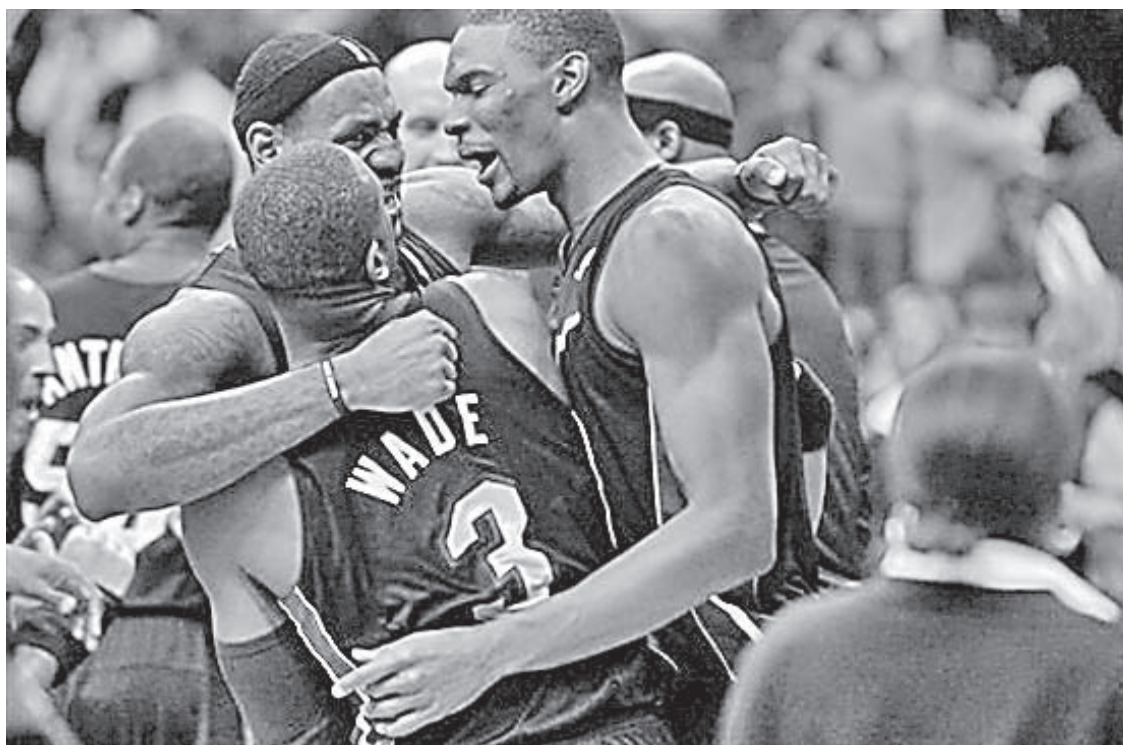
for Milwaukee, which got 16 from Andrew Bogut and 14 from former Heat guard Keyon Dooling. The Bucks were outrebounded 47-34.

Lakers 108, Pistons 83

At Los Angeles, Pau Gasol scored 21 points as the Lakers downed Detroit.

Kobe Bryant added 17 points, moving him past Dominique Wilkins into 10th on the NBA's career scoring list with 26,671. Andrew Bynum finished with 13 points after scoring eight of the Lakers' first 14 points of the game. Lamar Odom had 16.

Tracy McGrady and Greg Monroe scored 14 points each, and Tayshaun Prince added 12 for the Pistons, who lost their



Miami Heat forward LeBron James, left, hugs Miami Heat shooting guard Dwyane Wade (3), and Miami Heat power forward Chris Bosh, right, after their win against the Washington Wizards during an NBA basketball game in Washington, on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010. The Heat won 95-94.

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SPORT BRIEFS

Canada's Kershaw captures Tour de Ski sprint

DOBBIAICO, Italy (AP) — Devon Kershaw of Canada captured his first World Cup win Wednesday, edging Dario Cologna in a 1.3-kilometer sprint, although the Swiss skier retained his lead in the Tour de Ski.

Kershaw finished a slim 0.1 seconds ahead of Cologna, with Petter Northug of Norway third, 1.2 seconds back.

In the overall standings, Cologna has a 42.8-second lead over Kershaw through five of eight stages.

Petra Majdic of Slovenia won the women's race in a photo finish ahead of Italy's Arianna Folis, who had the same time. Majdic moved up from fourth to second overall, 39.1 seconds behind leader Justyna Kowalczyk of Poland, who was knocked out in the first round of the sprints.

Thursday's stage six is a 35-kilometer freestyle race for the men and a 15-kilometer race for the women from Cortina d'Ampezzo to Dobbiaco.

The Tour concludes this weekend in Val di Fiemme, finishing with a climb up Mount Cermis on Sunday. □

New date for Klitschko's title fight with Chisora

LONDON (AP) — Wladimir Klitschko's defense of his WBO and IBF heavyweight titles against unbeaten British challenger Dereck Chisora has been rescheduled for April 30. Klitschko was forced to pull out of the Dec. 11 bout due to a stomach injury.

Chisora said Wednesday on promoter Frank Warren's website that he was a "bit worried" that Klitschko "might try and fight an easier touch, but I think I've earned my opportunity." Chisora (14-0) added that Klitschko's "time at the top is well and truly up."

The website only said the fight will take place in Germany, with the original bout having been planned for Mannheim. Klitschko has a 55-3 record with 49 knockouts. WBA heavyweight champion David Haye wants to fight him and his brother Vitali, the WBC titleholder, in a bid to unify the heavyweight division. □

fifth straight to the Lakers and fell to 3-16 on the road.

The Lakers had lost four of their previous six, including three at home. They had mixed results against their last two sub-.500 opponents, barely beating Philadelphia 102-98 before losing to Memphis 104-85.

Knicks 128, Spurs 115

At New York, Wilson Chandler scored a season-high 31 points as New York overwhelmed San Antonio with a sensational offensive performance.

Amare Stoudemire and Raymond Felton added 28 apiece for the Knicks, who snapped the Spurs' four-game winning streak and dropped them to 29-5. New York rang up the highest point total San Antonio has allowed this season, shooting 55 percent and leading most of the way in its second straight victory.

Tony Parker had 26 points for the Spurs, while DeJuan Blair added 17, Manu Ginobili scored 15 and Tim Duncan finished with 14.

At Dallas, Jason Terry scored 12 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and DeShawn Stevenson also had 18 points as injury-depleted Dallas held on for the victory.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 28 points and 10 rebounds and Marcus Camby contributed

10 points and 20 rebounds for Portland.

Tyson Chandler added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Mavericks, who are without injured starters Dirk Nowitzki and Caron Butler.

Earlier in the day, the team announced that Butler will miss the rest of the season following surgery Tuesday to repair a torn tendon in his right knee.

At Memphis, Tennessee, Zach Randolph scored 31 points, including 13 in the fourth quarter, and Tony Allen made two late free throws to help the Grizzlies get the win.

Allen's two free throws with 15 seconds left gave Memphis a 108-105 lead. Thunder star Kevin Durant missed a deep 3-pointer on the next possession and Randolph sealed the win with two more foul shots.

After struggling early in the game, including three missed layups, Allen scored a season-high 19 points. Rudy Gay scored 27 points and Randolph added 16 rebounds, leading Memphis to a 42-31 advantage on the boards.

Durant and Russell Westbrook each scored 28 points for Oklahoma City. James Harden had 17.

At Sacramento, California, Jamal Crawford scored a season-high 31 points and

Joe Johnson had 29 as Atlanta earned its fourth victory in five games.

The Hawks squandered a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter, but made 10 free throws in the final minute to beat the Kings for the sixth straight time. Josh Smith had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and former Sacramento star Mike Bibby added nine points and 10 boards.

Tyreke Evans had 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter for the Kings, who outscored Atlanta 39-31 in the final period. DeMarcus Cousins also had a huge fourth, scoring 16 of his 24 points.

At Chicago, Luol Deng scored 24 points to lead surging Chicago past Toronto for another victory.

Derrick Rose added 19 points and six assists for the Bulls, who have won five straight and 14 of 16. Reserve Taj Gibson had 16 points and 14 rebounds, helping Chicago to a 44-33 edge on the glass and a 58-38 advantage in points in the paint.

In other NBA games it was Miami 101, Milwaukee 89; New York 128, San Antonio 115; Chicago 111, Toronto 91; Memphis 110, Oklahoma City 105; Dallas 84, Portland 81; Atlanta 108, Sacramento 102; and L.A. Lakers 108, Detroit 83. □

NHL Roundup

Roloson, St. Louis lift Tampa Bay past Caps 1-0

WASHINGTON (AP) — Martin St. Louis scored off a rebound 2:54 into overtime, and Dwayne Roloson made 34 saves in his Tampa Bay debut, leading the Lightning to a 1-0 victory over the Washington Capitals on Tuesday that broke the teams' tie for the lead atop the Southeast Division.

St. Louis poked the puck past Semyon Varlamov after a shot by Pavel Kubina ricocheted out, ending Washington's three-game winning streak.

The Lightning have won nine of 11 and moved into a tie with Philadelphia and Pittsburgh for the Eastern Conference lead with 53 points.

Wild 2, Devils 1

At Newark, New Jersey, Clayton Stoner scored his first NHL goal and Jose Theodore made 21 saves as Minnesota beat New Jersey.

Stoner fired the puck along the right boards into the Devils end. New Jersey goalie Johan Hedberg skated behind the net, anticipating the puck would wind all the way around.

It never reached Hedberg.

The puck caromed off the boards and angled into the open net before Hedberg could dive back into position.

Cal Clutterbuck also scored for Wild.

Ilya Kovalchuk scored for the Devils, who have only two wins in 15 games.

Red Wings 5, Oilers 3

At Edmonton, Alberta, Todd Bertuzzi scored twice, including the game winner, as Detroit beat Edmonton.

ELWAY

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After his 16-year playing career ended, Elway was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2004. He also led the Arena Football League's Colorado Crush to a championship in 2005 as its co-owner and chief executive officer.

Elway's first order of business in his new role with the Broncos will be to lead the search for a coach to replace Josh McDaniels, whose 22-month misadventure left the Broncos embarrassed and in need of a major makeover. The Broncos are coming off their worst season in their 51-year history, a 4-12 debacle that exposed McDaniels' many personnel blunders and was marked by a videotaping scandal that cast them as cheaters.

Elway will interview Falcons offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey on Friday in Atlanta for the vacant head coaching position, then return to Denver to interview

After Edmonton rallied from a 3-1 deficit to tie the game late, Detroit got a break when Bertuzzi's shot banked in off the skate of defenseman Ladislav Smid with 2:50 left. The Red Wings, who had dropped two straight, sealed the win 44 seconds later on Darren Helm's goal.

Henrik Zetterberg and Kris Draper also scored for Detroit, which moved into a tie atop the NHL standings with Vancouver.

Gilbert Brule, Theo Peckham and Sam Gagner scored for Edmonton.

Coyotes 4, Blue Jackets 2

At Glendale, Arizona, Shane Doan scored with 8:49 remaining to lift Phoenix over Columbus. Doan, stationed just to the left of goalie Mathieu Garon, battled down Keith Yandle's rising shot from the left boards to snap a 2-2 tie. Vernon Fiddler scored his first goal in 22 games just 52 seconds later to make it 4-2.

Doan added an assist, and Scottie Upshall and Sami Lepisto also scored for the Coyotes.

Jakub Voracek and R.J. Umberger had goals for the Blue Jackets, who have dropped two straight.

Avalanche 4, Sabres 3, OT

At Denver, David Jones scored a power-play goal 4:17 into overtime and Peter Budaj stopped 37 shots to help Colorado edge Buffalo.

In other NHL games it was Minnesota 2, New Jersey 1; Tampa Bay 1, Washington 0, OT; Colorado 4, Buffalo 3, OT; Detroit 5, Edmonton 3; and Phoenix 4, Columbus 2. □



Tampa Bay Lightning's Martin St. Louis (26) is congratulated by teammate Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Dwayne Roloson (31) after the Lightning defeated the Washington Capitals 1-0, on a score by St. Louis during overtime of an NHL hockey game, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, in Washington. The Lightning won 1-0 in overtime.

Associated Press



Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway speaks during an NFL football news conference at the Denver Broncos' headquarters Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, in Englewood, Colo., where he was named the team's executive vice president of football operations.

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Eric Stutesville, who was promoted from running backs coach to interim head coach following McDaniels' Dec. 6 ouster.

Elway also is expected to push Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh to interview. A former Stanford star, Elway served as honorary captain for the Cardinal's win over Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl on

Monday.

The Broncos have won just one playoff game since Elway retired in 1999 following his second straight Super Bowl title, and they haven't reached the postseason in five years.

Mike Shanahan was fired after a run of mediocrity in January 2009 and McDaniels was plucked from Bill Belichick's staff in New England. □

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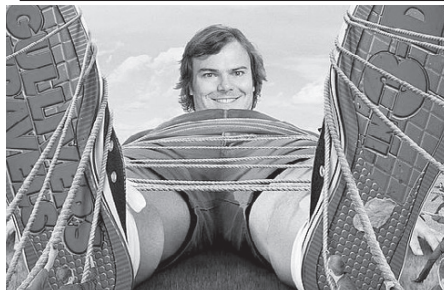
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STARTING NEXT WEEK JANUARY 13 - THE GREEN HORNET



In this photo taken in late December, 2010, Ted Williams holds a sign advertising his smooth radio voice near a highway ramp in Columbus, Ohio. Williams, who is homeless, became an online video sensation when the Columbus Dispatch posted a video of him speaking in his deep baritone voice on its website this week. The Cleveland Cavaliers contacted him on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011 to offer him an announcing job.

Associated Press

Homeless man's voice prompts job offers

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — With a deep, refined voice, Ted Williams simply asked for help to get off the streets.

He's been heard.

Left homeless after his life and career were ruined by drugs and alcohol, Williams has been offered a job by the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers and is being pursued by NFL Films for possible work. He and his compelling tale became an online sensation after The Columbus Dispatch posted a clip of Williams demonstrating his voiceover skills by the side of the road.

"This has been totally, totally amazing," Williams said in a phone interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, his voice choking with emotion. "I'm just so thankful. God has blessed me so deeply. I'm getting a second chance. Amazing."

Williams was contacted Wednesday by the Cavaliers, who have offered him a position that could include announcing work at Quicken Loans Arena, the team's downtown facility. Williams said the team has offered him a two-year contract and said they would pay his living expenses.

"I can't believe what's going on," said Williams, a father of nine, adding he feels like Susan Boyle, the Scottish singing sensation who became an overnight star. "God gave me a million-dollar voice, and I just hope I can do right by him."

It's been a whirlwind for the golden-voiced man, who was recently living in a tent and whose past includes a lengthy list of arrests. He has served time in prison for theft and forgery and has been cited with numerous misdemeanors, including drug abuse.

Williams was most recently arrested on May 14. He pleaded guilty to a first-degree misdemeanor theft charge. In court records, his address is listed as "Streets of Columbus."

Upon learning of Williams' criminal history, the Cavaliers said their offer still stands.

"We believe in second chances and second opportunities," said Tracy Marek, the team's senior vice president of marketing. "The gentleman deserves an opportunity to explain certain situations. We're not jumping to conclusions. It's not fair."

Cavaliers spokesman Tad Carper said exact details of the team's offer and their plans to help Williams with housing were still being worked out. The Cavaliers did not know much about him, but were touched by Williams' ordeal.

"When you know something's right, you just have to launch," Marek said. □

Let the encores begin on U.S. PGA Tour

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Graeme McDowell didn't stop flying around the world until there were no tournaments left for him to play.

After seven straight weeks that took him from Spain to Shanghai to Singapore, then Hong Kong, Dubai, California and Florida, McDowell finally landed home for the holidays in Northern Ireland with snow on the ground and his golf clubs nowhere near him.

And just like that, he's back to work.

The trick now is to find out where he's going from here.

McDowell talked about wanting to take his game to the next level, forgetting for a moment that he already did that. He won his first major at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, one of four victories last season. He brought the Ryder Cup back to Europe by winning the final match. And he ended the year by becoming the first player to overcome a four-shot deficit in the final round against Tiger Woods.

What next level?

"Yeah, good point. Next level ... it's just kind of something you say," McDowell said at Kapalua, where he'll kick off

the U.S. PGA Tour season on Thursday at the Tournament of Champions.

"Unlikely that I will display heroics like I did in 2010, but anything sort of within the vicinity of the year like 2010 would do quite nicely."

McDowell is happy to be in Hawaii, although he would be among the few with reason to feel melancholy about leaving the snow of Northern Ireland for the Pacific warmth and mesmerizing views of the Maui coastline.

It's a new year, and McDowell wishes the old year would have never ended.

"I'm in a period now where I want to maintain this world ranking (No. 5) and prove that I'm a world-class player," he said. "So the next level ... what I meant to say is trying to keep doing what I'm doing, really. It's going to be a pretty tough season to replicate. To win a major championship and to hold the winning putt at the Ryder Cup is dream stuff, really."

The 34-man field assembled at Kapalua at least shares one goal — they want to come back next year, too. The only way to get a tee time on the Plantation Course is to win on the U.S. PGA Tour.

Jim Furyk won a career-best three times last year, including the \$10 million bonus for the FedEx Cup.

Steve Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Hunter Mahan and Ernie Els each won two times. There also are newcomers, from Robert Garrigus winning the final tournament of the U.S. tour season at Disney World to Tim Clark of South Africa winning The Players Championship for his first victory in America.

"It's a place you always want to come," said two-time defending champion Geoff Ogilvy. "It's one of the nicest venues all year, if not the nicest. It's a nice little treat, a reward for winning a tournament the year before, and a little bit of a head start on everyone else. Nice hotel, nice place, Hawaii. Everything is good about this tournament."

As always, there are a few players missing.

Masters champion Phil Mickelson stopped coming to Kapalua in 2002, while British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen decided to stay home for the Africa Open this week. U.S. PGA champion Martin Kaymer of Germany opted not to join the tour or play in Hawaii. Two other



This is a Monday, Oct. 4, 2010 file photo of Europe's Graeme McDowell, from Northern Ireland, as he reacts after putting on the 16th hole on the final day of the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales. Ryder Cup-winning golfer Graeme McDowell is among the sports figures honored by Queen Elizabeth II in her New Year list. The Northern Irishman was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire after a year in which he won three European Tour events and captured the decisive Ryder Cup match against the United States.

Associated Press

Europeans who won on tour, Lee Westwood and Rory McIlroy, opted to stay on vacation.

Also missing is Woods, this time not by choice. He failed to win anywhere in the world, much less the U.S. PGA Tour, and failed to qualify for the event.

At least this time, his absence is not such a

topic of conversation. His unfolding sex scandal and the uncertainty when he would return dominated headlines last season. Now that he's back to playing golf, the question is whether he can play like he once did.

That can wait until his return at the end of this month at Torrey Pines for the Farmers Insurance Open. □



ZURICH (AP) — FIFA could reintroduce golden goals to decide extra-time matches at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. FIFA President Sepp Blatter said Wednesday other possible moves aimed at improving the quality of World Cup football include scrapping extra time after drawn knockout matches, and changing the points awarded for wins and draws in group stage games.

"Is it worth taking another

look at the golden goal? Some people like it, some people don't," Blatter said in an interview published on FIFA's website.

Potential changes will be recommended by a FIFA-selected panel of experts called "Task Force Football 2014."

The FIFA executive committee created the panel in October to help ensure a "more attractive" World Cup in Brazil after

FIFA looks again at World Cup golden goal rule

the disappointing quality of football in South Africa.

Then, Blatter was critical of teams' negative tactics which resulted in seven of 64 matches ending goalless, including six in the opening group phase.

In 16 knockout-phase matches, four were level after 90 minutes and went to extra time — including Spain's 1-0 victory over the Netherlands in the final.

Had the golden goal applied — which gives victory to the team scoring first in the additional 30 minutes — play would have stopped and Spain been declared winner as soon

as Andres Iniesta struck in the 116th minute.

Golden goals were approved by FIFA's rules-making panel in 1993 to promote attacking play in extra time and reward teams for showing ambition.

The rule was used at the 1998 and 2002 World Cups, and was decisive for Germany in the final of the 1996 European Championship and for France four years later.

It was abolished in 2004 because too many teams chose to defend in extra time and take their chance in a penalty shootout. Two matches in South Africa went to a penalty shootout, including Uruguay's

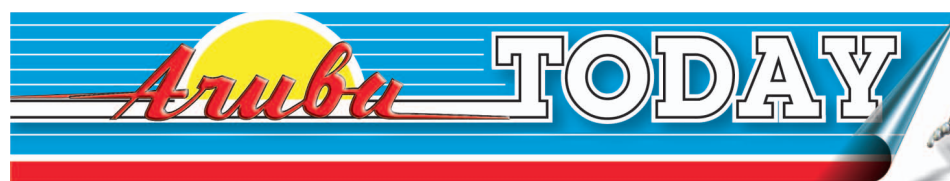
infamous quarterfinal win over Ghana.

Blatter said Wednesday that the merit of extra time itself would be studied.

"Is extra-time the only option we have when a game ends in a draw?" he said. "And if we stick with extra-time, how should we end games?"

"There are a lot of issues regarding tournaments we can look at and discuss."

FIFA has not announced the panel's makeup, but it will likely call on members of the Football Committee that features retired greats Pele, Frank Beckenbauer, Bobby Charlton and George Weah. □



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Andre Agassi praises Federer-Nadal rivalry

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Tennis great Andre Agassi called the rivalry between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal “more compelling” than the one he had with Pete Sampras.

“Tennis is at an amazing time when you’ve got two of the best players ever to play the game. You can argue the two very best playing in the same generation,” Agassi said Wednesday in Taiwan, where he will face Marat Safin in an exhibition tournament. “It’s a rivalry I think that we’ve never seen in our sport.” Comparing it to his own rivalry with Sampras, Agassi was frank. “It’s more compelling,” he said.

Agassi won eight major singles titles and completed a career Grand Slam, winning the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open. Sampras never won on clay at Roland Garros, but finished his career with 14 Grand Slam titles.

Until Federer and Nadal came along, the rivalry between the Americans was considered to

be one of the best in history. But both Federer and Nadal have now completed career Grand Slams, and Federer has broken Sampras’ record with 16 major titles.

Agassi also said the dominance of the top-ranked Nadal and No. 2 Federer was contributing to the struggles of American tennis. After dominating tennis with greats such as John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Sampras, Agassi, Michael Chang and Jim Courier, only Andy Roddick has been a threat in recent years.

Roddick won the 2003 U.S. Open and lost to Federer in four Grand Slam finals.

“Federer and Nadal are the problem of American tennis,” Agassi said. “I mean these guys are playing at a different level.”

In 2011, Agassi said he expected Nadal to stay at the top of the game because the 24-year-old Spaniard is five years younger than Federer.

“I have a lot of respect for the (age) difference,” Agassi said. □



Former top tennis players Marat Safin of Russia, left, listens to Andre Agassi of the U.S. during a press conference for the upcoming Rise of legends exhibition matches in Taipei, Taiwan, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011. Rise of legends 2011 tennis exhibition is going to be held in Taipei Arena on Jan. 6 and Kaohsiung Arena on Jan. 8.

Associated Press

Wozniacki beats Li in 2 sets at Hong Kong Classic



Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark returns the ball to Li Na of China in the Hong Kong Tennis Classic in Hong Kong Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011.

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Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki beat Li Na of China 6-4, 6-3 at the Hong Kong Classic exhibition tournament on Wednesday to earn her first win of the year. The 20-year-old Dane broke the Australian Open semifinalist in the eighth game of the first set to

lead 5-3. The Chinese veteran broke back, but Wozniacki broke again in the next game. Li jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second set, but Wozniacki won the final six games to claim the match.

Wozniacki lost to two-time U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters in an exhibition in Thailand on Saturday.

Wednesday’s win also marked

Nadal struggles but reaches Qatar quarters

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal overcame a second-set

collapse to beat Lukas Lacko of Slovakia 7-6 (3), 0-6, 6-3 Wednesday and join Roger Federer in the quarterfinals of the Qatar Open.

Earlier, Federer beat fellow Swiss Marco Chiudinelli 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Nadal, who is also playing doubles with Marc Lopez, had a fever earlier this week and looked uncharacteristically slow and sluggish on court. In the second set, he won just five of 18 points on his serve — and 11 of 37 overall.

It was only the 10th time in 575 career matches that Nadal lost a set 6-0, and the first since the decider of a final against Andy Murray at Rotterdam, Netherlands, in February 2009, when the Spaniard was bothered by a knee injury. “It was a very difficult match,” Nadal said. “I wasn’t 100 percent yesterday and it was the same today. I said that during the press conference yesterday. I was more tired after I played the doubles matches here. But I will not stop. I will play doubles.” Nadal picked up his game in the decider, breaking twice for a 3-0 lead after several unforced errors



World number one tennis player Rafael Nadal celebrates as he defeats Lacko of Slovakia during the Qatar ATP Open Tennis tournament in Doha, Qatar, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011.

Associated Press

by Lacko. After dropping his serve once, Nadal broke again to clinch the match.

Federer needed a strong baseline game to overcome Chiudinelli and stay in the hunt for a third tournament title in Doha. “It was an up and down match. I was a bit confused and lost focus (at the end of the first set), but I did well to concentrate better as the game went on,” Federer said. “It’s not easy to play (Chiudinelli) because we know each other’s game quite well. But I am happy to advance here.” On Thursday, Federer will play Viktor Troicki of Serbia in the quarterfinals of the season-opening tournament. □

Glasses-Free 3D HDTV to make a Splash

The 2011 CES is one of the most anticipated consumer electronic shows of the year. While a fair bit of anticipation will inevitably follow the latest and greatest tablet PCs, as it should, there will also be many folks looking for glasses free 3D HDTV. 3D has been hot at the cinema thanks in no small part to a little movie called "Avatar", but the 3D experience is now available to homeowners thanks to 3D capable TV's. Toshiba is just one company set to unveil the glasses free experience. Until now though in order to experience 3D at home, owners not only had to shell out for the television, but also a 3D capable Blu-Ray player and 3D glasses. Of course, these active shutter 3D glasses are necessary due to the technology involved in current 3D HDTVs. While the glasses work great and literally make the picture jump off the screen, they are also prone to a number of problems. First, and foremost is the price. As glasses can run anywhere from \$129.99 for a pair of LG AG-S100 to \$199.99 for a pair of Samsung SSG-2200AR, they represent a sizable investment relative to the number of viewers. Without the glasses the viewing angle of the picture is pretty much a heads on experience, but glasses free 3D HDTV is coming probably at the 2011 CES.

Of course, the announcement from Nintendo that a glasses free Nintendo DS, for now called the 3DS, showed the world that glasses free 3D is not only possible, but that it can look great at the same time. Gamers will likely be excited for 3D games and the extension is of course, 3D monitors for computers and several laptops. While a tablet PC with a 3D touch screen is not out of the question, it seems that technology is at least a few years away, and maybe five years for it to become



mainstream.

The arrival of glasses free three dimensional high definition television also clears the way for producers, broadcasters, game designers, and filmmakers to develop content for the devices. While some sports shows can be had in 3D, including the past year's 2010 World Cup thanks to ESPN, there is still a lot of work to do before the technology embeds itself into homes across the world. While precious few people are actually privy to what will actually be presented at the 2011 CES, there can be little doubt that glasses free 3D HDTV will be one of the more popular attractions. □

Microsoft developing Windows for phone chips

By PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

LAS VEGAS — Microsoft Corp. confirmed Wednesday that it is developing a version of its main Windows operating system that will run on cell phone chips, providing an alternative for the first time to the chips based on Intel technology.

The new version could take advantage of the power savings provided by cell phone chips, and give Microsoft a better chance of gaining a foothold in the emerging world of tablet computers. Apple Inc.'s hit iPad tablet runs on a cell phone-type chip, which is part of the reason it can last 10 hours on one charge. Steve Sinofsky, president of the Windows division, demonstrated at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas prototype computers

running Windows on chips designed by ARM Holdings, a British company whose technology goes into practically all cell phone chips.

Sinofsky didn't say when the new version of Windows would be available, but intimated that it might be one or a few years away.

ARM provides the core blueprints for the chips, but doesn't make chips itself. The chips used in Wednesday's demonstration were made by Qualcomm Corp., Texas Instruments Inc. and Nvidia Corp.

A key drawback to moving to another "processor architecture" is that programs created for the current version of Windows won't work on the new chips. Peripherals like printers won't work either, without new software aides,

or "drivers."

"Under the hood, there's a ton of issues to work out," Sinofsky said. He demonstrated versions of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer and Media Player running under ARM, but didn't say how third-party developers would deal with the switch. Apple navigated a switch of processor architecture in the last decade, but Microsoft's task is far larger, since it works with far more partners, both on the hardware and software sides.

The Wall Street Journal earlier reported on Microsoft's development of an ARM-based Windows version.

Microsoft already makes software called "Windows" for cell phones, but it has little in common with the software that runs on computers, and doesn't run the same programs. □

A 4G smartphone that can expand into a "dockable laptop" and the rollout of AT&T Wireless' 4G LTE network. Those two developments at the Consumer Electronics Show, which opens this week in Las Vegas, are among the latest in a wave of announcements that will roll out over the next few days as wireless enters its next generation.

The smartphone is Motorola's Atrix 4 from AT&T. It's being billed as the most powerful such device ever, with dual-core one-gigahertz processors, 16GB of internal

Smartphone Can Dock To Become a Laptop

storage, and expandability up to 48GB with a microSD card. It runs Android 2.2 Froyo, features Motorola's MOTOBLUR user interface, and, most interestingly, can be docked so a user can attach a screen, a full-sized keyboard, and ports for a make-your-own laptop.

HSPA+, Long Term Evolution Another interesting aspect is that, even though AT&T is rolling out its Long Term

Evolution (LTE) network this year, the carrier is calling the new Motorola device 4G -- although it actually is built for the current HSPA+ technology. Some industry observers do not consider HSPA+ to be "true" 4G, but others have a wait-and-see attitude about how fast the transmission will be.

Rival network T-Mobile has taken to calling its HSPA+ network 4G, to some

consternation by the other major carriers, and now AT&T has adopted the same approach. The company said it can do so because its expanded infrastructure will allow higher speeds.

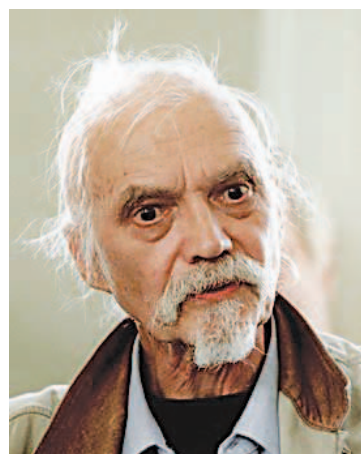
T-Mobile has been one of those attacking AT&T for the quality and speed of its service, including ads that show an actor representing AT&T's exclusive-in-the-U.S. iPhone 4 carrying an older actor -- representing AT&T's slower network -- on his back. Both AT&T and T-Mobile currently use the same technology. □

'Country Strong' hits cliched notes

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

Some of the best country songs are the ones that tell a story — ones that feature vivid imagery, a strong narrative drive and a killer emotional payoff.

In telling the story of a self-destructive singing superstar, "Country Strong" hints at the possibility of delivering that



Swedish actor Per Oscarsson confirmed dead in fire

STOCKHOLM — Swedish police on Wednesday confirmed that actor Per Oscarsson, who won a best actor award at Cannes in 1966 and appeared in films based on Stieg Larsson's "Millennium" trilogy died in a fire at his house.

Spokesman Ulf Edberg said remains found in Oscarsson's house had been identified as belonging to the 83-year-old actor and his wife, 67-year-old Kia Ostling.

The building, remotely located outside the town of Skara in southwest Sweden, burnt to the ground early Friday. Only the chimney was left when firefighters arrived at the scene.

Edberg said the cause of the blaze remains unknown.

Oscarsson won the best actor award at the 1966 Cannes Film Festival for his role as starving writer Pontus in the movie "Hunger." During his career he starred in more than 100 Swedish films and TV series. Most recently, he appeared in the Swedish film "The Girl Who Played With Fire" based on Larsson's popular book. He played Holger Palmgren, the legal guardian to the heroine, Lisbeth Salander. □

kind of moving experience, but ultimately it's too meandering and uneven to ever truly tug at your heart.

Writer-director Shana Feste's film occupies an uncomfortable sort of middle ground. It's not rich enough, and its characters aren't developed enough, to be a searing drama or a portrait of artistic torment; "Coal Miner's Daughter," this is not. But at the same time, it isn't over-the-top enough to be enjoyed as a divalicious guilty pleasure like "A Star is Born" or "The Rose."

Still, "Country Strong" has its moments, mainly in the music, all of which is enjoyable if not earth-shattering and is actually sung by its stars. We already knew Gwyneth Paltrow had a voice on her from the dubious 2000 film "Duets," which her father, the late Bruce Paltrow, directed. It even spawned a hit song for her and Huey Lewis: their remake of Smokey Robinson's "Cruisin'," cheesy as it was. Here, you'd actually like to hear more from her: It would help us better get to

know her character, six-time Grammy winner Kelly Canter, and the songs she does sing on stage are so massively overproduced, it's hard to tell what she actually sounds like. Instead, Kelly comes off as a jumble of cliches that could apply to any country star, rock star, actor or artist — any performer whose creative gifts are weighed down by internal baggage. She's in and out of rehab and her boozy benders are legendary; she was drunk, and five months' pregnant, when she fell off the stage in Dallas, prompting her latest attempt to dry out.

That's where she is at the film's start, and where she's having an extramarital fling with one of the rehab center's employees, Beau Hutton (Garrett Hedlund), who has his own musical aspirations. Kelly's husband and manager, James (Tim McGraw), pulls her out of treatment a month early to get her back on the road, and insists that a beauty queen and wannabe country starlet named Chiles Stanton (Leighton Meester) come



By LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — As Michael Jackson's lifeless body lay on a bed in his palatial mansion, a bodyguard obeyed a frantic doctor's instructions to bag up medicine bottles and intravenous bags and shield the Jackson children from seeing their father — all before being told to call 911, court testimony revealed Wednesday.

Alberto Alvarez said he was the first security guard to reach Jackson's room after word came that something was wrong. He described a shocking scene.

The King of Pop was on his bed connected to an IV tube and a urinary catheter. His eyes and mouth were open, and Dr. Conrad Murray was leaning over him doing one-handed chest compressions to try to revive him.

Alvarez said he was "frozen" at the sight.

"I said, 'Dr. Murray, what happened?' And he said, 'He had a reaction. He had a bad reaction,'" Alvarez recalled.

The testimony came during a preliminary hearing to determine if Murray, the singer's personal physician, will be tried on a



along as her opening act. Kelly wants Beau to open for her, and so they all end up embarking on a three-city Texas tour.

From there, "Country

Strong" plays out as a series of flirtations and dalliances, breakdowns and inebriated episodes, none of which seems to carry any more significance than any other. □

Jackson doc said to put vials in bag

charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Authorities contend Murray gave Jackson a lethal dose of the powerful anesthetic propofol and other sedatives in the bedroom of his rented mansion before he died on June 25, 2009.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren said in his opening statement that Jackson was already dead when Murray summoned help and tried to conceal his administering of propofol to the pop star, ordering the bodyguard to collect items before paramedics were called.

Murray was providing Jackson propofol roughly six times a week since being hired as his physician in May 2009, as Jackson prepared for a series of comeback concerts, Walgren said.

In other testimony, paramedic Richard Senneff, who responded to Jackson's mansion the day he died, said Murray never mentioned he had given propofol to the singer. Instead, the doctor said he had given Jackson lorazepam to help him sleep and indicated the pop star was being treated for dehydration, Senneff testified.

The paramedic testified that Murray's responses didn't add up, because the singer looked so pale and thin that Senneff thought he was a hospice patient.

Earlier, Alvarez recalled Jackson's children Paris and Prince walking into the room during the effort to revive their father.

"Paris screamed, 'Daddy!' and she started to cry. Dr. Murray said, 'Get them out. Don't let them see him like this,'" the bodyguard said.

Alvarez's voice choked as he described Paris crying and he took a moment to compose himself. □



Oil prices extend losses after recent surge

LONDON – World oil prices fell further on Wednesday as investors reacted to strength of the dollar and took profits following a recent rally which took the commodity to two-year highs.

Investors are looking ahead to the latest weekly snapshot of US energy inventories due later in the day.

Further ahead, all eyes will be on Friday's release of key jobs figures in the United States for a better indication of the health of the world's biggest economy and largest oil consumer.

On Wednesday, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in February sank 89 cents to 92.64 dollars a barrel around midday in London.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for February

shed 1.14 dollars cents to 88.24 dollars.

The market had already slumped on Tuesday, hampered by the rebounding US dollar, which makes dollar-priced crude more expensive for buyers using weaker currencies. In turn, that tends to dent demand.

"Oil prices fell significantly ... as profit taking, following the recent upturn in prices, and a strengthening US dollar, weighed on the market," said Westhouse Securities analyst David Hart.

However, the price decline is forecast to be limited as demand is seen picking up due to growing optimism for the global economy, especially the US.

"The industry fundamentals supporting (oil demand)

growth are not changing," said John Vautrain, vice president for Purvin and Gertz international energy consultants in Singapore.

"I continue to be optimistic about the oil prices for 2011," he said.

US manufacturing activity grew for the 17th straight month in December, bolstering confidence that the economic recovery there was gaining momentum while construction spending rose 0.4 percent in November to its highest point in five months.

But the International Energy Agency warned that oil prices were in danger of threatening the fragile economic recovery in developed nations this year. "Oil prices are entering a dangerous zone for the global economy," IEA



chief economist Fatih Birol was cited as saying in the Financial Times newspaper on Wednesday.

"The oil import bills are becoming a threat to the economic recovery. This is a wake-up call to the oil consuming countries and to the oil producers."

Should crude prices again head towards 100 dollars,

Birol's comments are likely to heap pressure on oil cartel OPEC, which last month decided to leave production quotas unchanged despite the rising cost of the commodity. Oil had forged two-year highs on Monday due to confidence in increased global energy demand after the US economy showed more signs of recovery.



NEW YORK – Applications for U.S. home mortgages ebbed in the last two weeks of the year amid the holiday season as loan rates hovered around their highest levels in seven months, an industry group said on Wednesday.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its seasonally adjusted index of mortgage application activity rose 2.3 percent for the week ended December 31 and dipped 3.9 percent in the prior week.

The index has been dragged lower since October by applications to refinance loans, as a spike in interest

rates reduced incentives for the homeowners that can qualify under today's tight credit standards. The MBA expects total loan originations will drop to \$967 billion this year, down 36 percent from 2010 and less than half that of 2009.

Fixed 30-year mortgage rates jumped to 4.93 percent in the week ending December 24, the highest since May 7, before ending the year at 4.82 percent, the MBA said. The rate is three-quarters of a percentage point higher since early October, as reports of solid consumer spending, and

Mortgage applications ebbed at year end

expectations of government and Federal Reserve stimulus plans lifted 2011 outlooks.

Relatively soft application volume follows other recent data points that suggest the U.S. housing market may be on the verge of another downturn. Single-family home prices in October dropped for the fourth straight month, according to the latest Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller index, and

analysts are predicting more declines under the weight of foreclosures.

However, housing may draw some demand if recent economic strength gains momentum.

The combination of economic recovery and relatively low interest rates has helped boost pending sales of previously-owned homes more than expected in November, the National Association of

Realtors said last week.

Broken down, the MBA's seasonally adjusted index of refinancing applications index rose 3.9 percent in the latest week but fell 7.2 percent for the week ended December 24. The index of loans earmarked for home purchases fell 0.8 percent and rose 3.1 percent in those weeks. □



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some serious conflict, your kids would probably prefer it if you stuck together. And even if you were to split, whoever you married next would probably have equally annoying habits as your

5 Reasons to Get (or Stay) Married This Year

current spouse. So herewith, five reasons to get or stay married you probably haven't heard of. (More on Time.com: 5 Ways to Stop Stressing)

Finances: Children of Divorce Pay More for College

According to an analysis of the student financial aid statistics released in December in the Journal of Family Issues, parents who are no longer together shoulder a smaller percentage of college costs than those who are. This is only partly a result of the shrinking effect divorce has on wealth; parents who marry someone else and increase their household income still allocate a smaller portion of that income to college costs. A student whose parents are divorced, according to this study, will have to pony up, on average about 58% of all the expenses of going to college. If her parents are remarried, she'll have to scrounge up 47% and if her parents are still together the figure drops to 23%. Plus, if the kid bankrupts herself with student loans, you know where she'll have to live after graduation, right?

Personality: Married Men Behave Better

Turns out that whole wedding-turns-oafish-male-into-Mr.-Responsible idea that powered so many of Judd Apatow's early movies has some science to it. A researcher at Michigan State University took a look at some twin studies and worked out that, among identical twins, the ones who got married were more socialized than the ones who didn't. And it barely needs to be added that unless a man has the raw-nerd brainpower of Bill Gates, sociability is a key to being able to get, keep and be promoted to a good job. (More on Time.com: 5 Ways to Improve Your Diet on the Cheap)

Health: Kids Who Live with Both Parents Are Healthier

New figures, just out in December from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), looked at the comparative health of children in all types of living situations. Those who lived in the same home as their two parents (technically, they didn't have to be married, but they had to be together) had lower rates of a whole litany of ailments, including asthma, vision problems,

developmental delays, ADHD and migraines, even when wealth and education were factored in. The only malady the CDC found more prevalent among the children of married parents was allergies.

At the other end of life, a separate study showed that elderly people whose parents were divorced had twice the risk of stroke as people whose parents stayed together. We're talking the loooong tail.

Reputation: Divorce is Big Business for Bloggers

There's a reason the Huffington Post now has a divorce section. Apparently, people really enjoy reading about marital breakdown. And writing about it: for instance, a young law student decided it might be fun to do the play-by-play on the recent legal tussle over the dissolving McCourt marriage here. But even if you don't own the Los Angeles Lakers, as the McCourts do, that doesn't mean nobody's going to write about you. There's at least one ex-wife out there working through her issues with her former spouse in blog-land. □

Exercise May Improve Odds Against Prostate Cancer Death

Prostate cancer patients who routinely engage in modest amounts of vigorous physical exercise appear to lower their risk of dying from their disease, new research suggests.

Three hours a week or more of vigorous biking, tennis, jogging or swimming seems to improve the prognosis among such patients, the research team found. But they added that even moderate physical activity appears to lower the overall risk of dying from any cause.

"This is the first study in men with prostate cancer to evaluate physical activity after diagnosis in relation to prostate cancer-specific mortality and overall mortality," noted study author Stacey Kenfield, a research associate in the department of epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health, as well as at the Channing Laboratory at Brigham and Women's Hospital, both in Boston.

"We observed benefits at very attainable levels of

activity," Kenfield added, "and our results suggest that men with prostate cancer should do some physical activity for their overall health, even if it is a small amount, such as 15 minutes of activity per day of walking, jogging or biking. Vigorous activity may be especially beneficial for prostate cancer, as well as overall health, at levels of three or more hours per week."

The findings are published in the Jan. 4 online issue of the Journal of Clinical Oncology.

The researchers noted that although prostate cancer is the most common cancer among American men, the news is not all grim. They pointed out that more than 80 percent of prostate cancer patients have localized disease, and the 10-year survival rate post-diagnosis is upwards of 93 percent. The upshot is that more than 2 million American men are prostate cancer survivors.

To explore how exercise might further improve


the odds of survival, Kenfield and her colleagues tracked the physical exercise routines of just over 2,700 men who had been diagnosed with prostate cancer after 1990. The assessments took place every two years.

Activities that were assessed included walking, jogging, running, bicycling, swimming, rowing, stair-climbing, and playing tennis, squash, racquetball and/or golf. Weight-lifting and arduous outdoor work were also included in the analysis, and all activities were given a so-called "metabolic equivalent task" ranking, or MET value, according to the amount of energy each required relative to being sedentary. After giving non-vigorous activities a MET ranking of less than 6 and vigorous activities a value of 6 and up, the authors determined how many MET hours per week were expended by each patient based on the nature and pace of each activity they engaged in. □

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MPs warn against moratorium on deepwater drilling



LONDON — A moratorium on oil drilling in deep waters off Britain would undermine the country's energy security, according to a report by lawmakers published on Thursday in response to the BP spill disaster last year.

However the study by the Energy and Climate Change Committee noted that extra precautions should be considered to ensure that a deepwater drilling disaster does not occur here.

The report comes in the wake of the Gulf of Mexico oil blast on April 20, 2010 that killed 11 workers and caused the worst spill in US history.

An explosion occurred on the Deepwater Horizon rig, which was leased by British energy group BP and operated by Swiss-based offshore drilling group Transocean Energy.

Following the spill, the United States imposed a moratorium

on deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, which it lifted in October.

The British parliamentary report concluded a moratorium on deepwater drilling in the North Sea “would undermine the UK’s energy security and isn’t necessary”.

It added: "We conclude that a moratorium on offshore drilling... would cause drilling rigs and expertise to migrate to other parts of the globe."

“A moratorium on deepwater drilling would decrease the UK’s security of supply and increase the UK’s reliance upon imports of oil and gas.

“A moratorium could also harm the economies of communities in Scotland who rely upon the UK offshore oil and gas industry as well as the wider British economy to which the industry makes a major contribution.”

The report however raised

“serious doubts” about Britain’s ability to tackle a major spill.

"The harsh and windy conditions in the North Sea would make an oil spill off the coast of Shetland very difficult to contain or clean up," said committee chairman Tim Yeo.

“Safety regulations on drilling in the UK are already tougher than they were in the Gulf of Mexico, but oil companies mustn’t use that as an excuse for complacency.

“Companies cannot continue producing cut and paste oil spill response plans and rig operators must make it easier for staff to raise concerns without fear of intimidation,” added Yeo, an MP for the Conservatives.

The report also urged greater clarity on the identity of liable parties “to ensure that taxpayers are not required to pick up the tab for clearing up and compensation after a potential offshore incident.”

The committee said the current liability limit of 158 million pounds was “insufficient”, given the huge cost of the Gulf spill.

In December, the United States sued BP and eight other companies for uncounted billions of dollars in damages.

The broken well was eventually plugged but not before it gushed about 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf waters. The spill destroyed hundreds of miles of fragile coastlines and caused BP's share price to collapse.

It also forced the resignation of BP chief executive Tony Hayward and the company to announce that it was selling assets worth up to 30 billion dollars. □



China's Vice-Premier Li Keqiang (2nd L) and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero (R) look as Sinopec Corp Chairman Su Shulin (L) and Antonio Brufau, chairman of Spanish oil company Repsol YPF, exchange signed commercial agreement at Madrid's Moncloa Palace January 5, 2011.

Massive oil spill could happen again

By DINA CAPPIELLO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Decisions intended to save time and money created an unreasonable amount of risk that triggered the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history, a disaster that could happen again without significant reforms by industry and government, the presidential panel investigating the BP blowout concluded Wednesday.

The commission findings — the result of a probe requested by President Barack Obama after the April 20 rig explosion — described systemic problems within the offshore energy industry and government regulators who oversee it.

Poor decisions led to technical problems that the commission, and inquiries by BP and Congress, have identified as contributing to the accident that killed 11 people and led to more than 200 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's well a mile beneath the Gulf of Mexico.

BP, Halliburton and Transocean, the three key companies involved with the well and the rig that exploded, each made individual decisions that increased risks of a blowout but saved significant time or money.

But ultimately, the Deepwater Horizon disaster came down to a single failure, the panel says — management. When decisions were made, no one was considering the risk they were taking.

In one example cited by the commission, a BP request to set an “unusually deep cement plug” was approved by the then-Minerals Management Service in 90 minutes. That decision is one of the nine technical and engineering calls the commission says increased the risk of a blowout.

“The blowout was not the product of a series of aberrational decisions made by a rogue industry or government officials that could not have been anticipated or expected to occur again. Rather, the root causes are systemic, and absent significant reform in both industry practices and government policies, might well recur,” the commission concluded in a 48-page excerpt of its final report, obtained by The Associated Press. A final report is due to the president Jan. 11. □

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Asume nueva Asamblea Nacional en Venezuela

CARACAS (Reuters) - Venezuela instaló el miércoles una nueva Asamblea Nacional que tendrá mayor presencia de la oposición, pero estará limitada por los poderes especiales que tiene el presidente Hugo Chávez para gobernar por decreto hasta mediados del 2012. Frente a los 65 asambleístas de la oposición, que estaba ausente del organismo legislativo desde hace cinco años, el líder izquierdista tendrá 98, una mayoría que no le permite pasar leyes fácilmente como sucedió con la Asamblea que le otorgó plenos poderes en diciembre. Las marchas y concentraciones, organizadas por el oficialismo y sus adversarios para acompañar la entrada de sus diputados a la sede de la Asamblea, transcurrieron sin incidentes en el polarizado país petrolero. Sin embargo, las primeras intervenciones de los asambleístas fueron utilizadas para intercambiar acusaciones e insultos entre las dos fuerzas políticas rivales. La ex presidenta de la Asamblea y diputada electa por el oficialismo Cilia Flores advirtió a la oposición que “vamos a demostrar que 98 es más que 65”, lo que caldeó los ánimos.

La coalición opositora obtuvo 5,31 millones de votos, mientras que el oficialista Partido Socialista Unido de Venezuela (PSUV) reunió 5,39 millones de sufragios pero sumó 98 diputados gracias a una ley que permitió cambios que dieron más cupos al partido más votado y al voto rural, que suele favorecer al “chavismo”.

Los opositores gritaban “libertad, libertad”, lo que era silenciado por silbidos y gritos de la bancada oficialista, que por su parte aseguraba “no volverán, no volverán”. “Cuando ustedes dicen que no volverán debemos darles una mala noticia, hemos vuelto a la Asamblea Nacional”, dijo el opositor Richard Blanco.

La intervención de Blanco fue interrumpida varias ocasiones por gritos de “asesinos, asesinos” y “lacayos del imperio”.

El también opositor Alfonso Marquina dijo que “el grito de democracia, de libertad, de paz y de cambio va a retumbar todo el territorio nacional en el año 2012”, en referencia a las elecciones presidenciales previstas para finales de ese año.

Horas antes, Chávez saludó la nueva conformación de la Asamblea. “La política sin un contrincante, sin un



El presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, sonríe durante un consejo ministerial en Caracas, ene 4 2011. Venezuela contará a partir del miércoles con una nueva Asamblea Nacional que tendrá mayor presencia de la oposición, pero estará limitada por los poderes especiales que tiene el presidente Hugo Chávez para gobernar por decreto hasta mediados del 2012. REUTERS/Cortesía Palacio Miraflores

antagonista jugando no es política, es cualquier otra cosa (...) La batalla política, la batalla de ideas, bienvenida. Yo estoy contento con la nueva conformación de la Asamblea”.

El gobiernista Fernando Soto Rojas fue electo como presidente de la Asamblea.

En las calles, las manifestaciones de apoyo al oficialismo y la oposición transcurrieron en paz. En el centro de Caracas y muy cerca de la marcha oficialista, la oposición organizó una concentración, debido a que no estaba autorizada a acercarse a la sede de la Asamblea.

La oposición vuelve a la Asamblea tras cinco años de ausencia por su boicot a la elección legislativa del 2005 con el que pretendía denunciar parcialización del árbitro electoral por el Gobierno, pero su acción no surtió efecto y quedó sin representación en el cuerpo. □

Ecuador: Gobierno analiza optimizar subsidios

QUITO (AP) - El gobierno del presidente Rafael Correa analiza optimizar la eficiencia de los subsidios estatales, que llegan a unos 4.000 millones de dólares, y dirigirlos a los sectores más pobres, se informó oficialmente el miércoles. La ministra Coordinadora de la Producción, Nathalie Celi, dijo a la red de televisión Ecuavisa que el mandatario “nos ha delegado un plan de optimización de subsidios. Una vez que ese plan esté diseñado, consensado y aprobado por el presidente... empezaremos su discusión interna”.

Entre los principales subsidios están los 2.000 millones de dólares que el gobierno destina a la importación de combustibles fósiles, 636 millones del subsidio conocido como bono solidario dirigido a los más pobres y un bono para adquirir vivienda de 5.000 dólares por familia. Los 4.000 millones de dólares representan alrededor del 16,7% del presupuesto total del Estado, que este año fue

establecido en 23.950 millones. Correa dijo días atrás que quiere focalizar el subsidio en los sectores más pobres debido a que la estructura actual beneficia también a quienes tienen más dinero al no haber forma de discriminar a pobres o ricos cuando compran gas o gasolina. Entre los principales subsidios están los 2.000 millones de dólares que el gobierno destina a la exportación de combustibles fósiles, 636 millones del subsidio conocido como bono solidario y dirigido a los más pobres del país y un bono para adquirir vivienda (5.000 dólares por familia). Los 4.000 millones de dólares representan alrededor del 16,7% del presupuesto total del estado, que este año fue establecido en 23.950 millones. El subsidio a la gasolina y al gas de uso doméstico es una cuestión sensible para el gobierno, porque la alteración del precio de cualquiera de esos productos acarrearía una modificación en el valor de los alimentos. □

Inundaciones en Brasil dejan 30 muertos

SAO PAULO (AP) - Las lluvias caídas en varios estados brasileños mataron por lo menos a 30 personas y desalojaron de sus hogares a otras 30.000, dijeron el miércoles funcionarios de la defensa civil.

El más afectado fue el estado de Minas Gerais, donde las autoridades de defensa civil dijeron que 15 personas se ahogaron y fueron enterradas bajo toneladas de lodo en deslizamientos ocasionados por las lluvias.

Más de 123.000 tuvieron que abandonar sus hogares y refugiarse en escuelas públicas, gimnasios o con familiares. Las lluvias afectaron igualmente los estados de Sao Paulo, Río de Janeiro y Espírito Santo desde el 25 de diciembre. Las inundaciones en esos tres estados han matado a 15 personas y dejado sin hogar a 20.500. □

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